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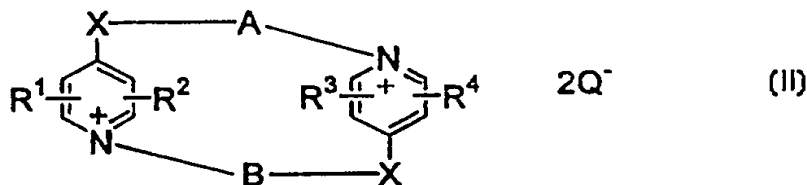
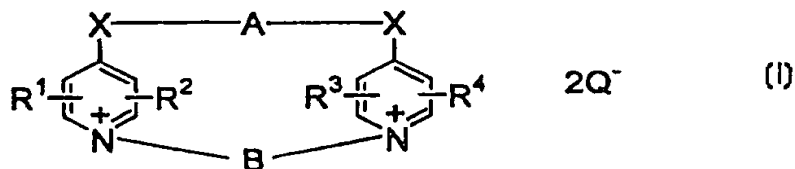
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(57) Abstract

A series of compounds for blocking calcium activated potassium channels in rat sympathetic neurones and other mammalian cells, and a method for producing them. These compounds with general formulae (I) and (II), where A and B are spacing groups of 3 to 15 carbon atoms Q<sup>-</sup> is the conjugate base of an acid, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are for example (a), R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are for example H, and X is for example NH, exhibit a high potency and are expected to show selectivity between different channel types. The compounds may be useful in the treatment of a number of disorders that are associated with the activity of calcium activated potassium channels, e.g. myotonic muscular dystrophy, gastrointestinal dysmotilities, memory disorders, cancers, narcolepsy and ethanol-induced narcosis. The compounds may also be useful as antibacterial agents.



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POTASSIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERSTECHNICAL FIELD

5 The present invention relates to compounds having pharmaceutical (including veterinary) use, in particular compounds capable of blocking calcium activated potassium channels in human and other mammalian cells, to methods of making such compounds  
10 and to the use of such compounds in the treatment of various disorders.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -activated  $\text{K}^{+}$  channels are found in a wide variety of cell types and can be divided into three main classes on the basis of single channel conductance and sensitivity to blocking agents. Of these, the  $\text{SK}_{\text{Ca}}$  channel is characterized by its small single channel  
20 conductance (6-20 pS) and high sensitivity to the bee venom toxin apamin. Estimates of the apamin concentration required to cause 50% block of  $\text{SK}_{\text{Ca}}$  channels vary considerably between cells, ranging from 0.2 to 20 nM. Also, the action of apamin may reverse  
25 rapidly or very slowly, depending on the cell type. From these observations it might be inferred that

subtypes of SK<sub>Ca</sub> channels exist.

In recent work by a group including some of the present inventors [British Journal of Pharmacology (1996) 117, 35-42] it has been found that a bis-quaternary quinolinium compound, 8,19-diaza-3,5(1,4)-dibenzena-1,7(1,4)-diquinolina-cyclononadecaphane referred to below as Compound A, exhibits the ability to block the SK<sub>Ca</sub> channel in rat sympathetic neurones and guinea-pig hepatocytes. This compound was compared with gallamine and dequalinium; a large difference in the relative potency of these compounds was found between the two tissues providing strong functional evidence for SK<sub>Ca</sub> channel heterogeneity.

#### DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

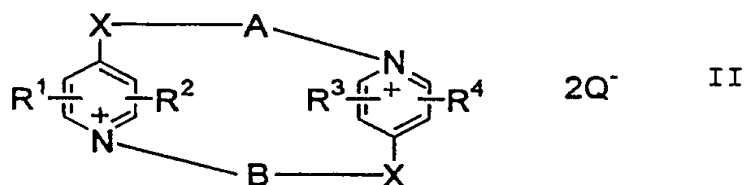
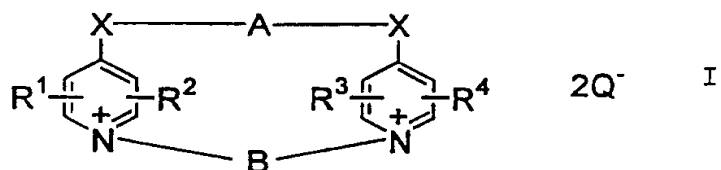
An aim of the present invention is to provide compounds suitable for blocking SK<sub>Ca</sub> channels that are not peptides and are more potent than known compounds.

A further aim of the present invention is to provide compounds that exhibit selectivity in blocking SK<sub>Ca</sub> channels in different cells.

A first aspect of the present invention provides a

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compound having the general formula I or II:



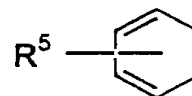
5                    or any one of its conjugate bases

where:

each Q<sup>-</sup> is the conjugate base of a  
pharmaceutically acceptable inorganic or organic acid;

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R<sup>1</sup> is selected from H and



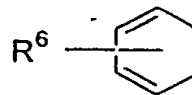
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R<sup>5</sup> being selected from H, and substituents such as a  
halogen, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a  
haloalkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an amino  
group, an alkylamino group, a hydroxy group and an  
alkoxy group;

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R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently selected from H, and  
substituents such as a halogen, an alkyl group with 1  
to 10 carbon atoms, a haloalkyl group having 1 to 10  
carbon atoms, an amino group, an alkylamino group, a  
hydroxy group and an alkoxy group;

$R^4$  is selected from H and



$R^6$  being selected from H, and substituents such as a  
 5 halogen, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a  
 haloalkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an amino  
 group, an alkylamino group, a hydroxy group and an  
 alkoxy group;

where  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  may be present once or a  
 10 plural number of times on the respective rings;

each X is independently selected from NH,  $NR^7$ ,  
 O, S and  $CH_2$ ,  $R^7$  being selected from alkyl, aryl,  
 alkaryl and aralkyl groups having 1 to 10 carbon atoms;

A and B which are the same or different, are  
 15 each selected from a spacing group with a chain length  
 of 3 to 15 atoms;

except that in general formula I when

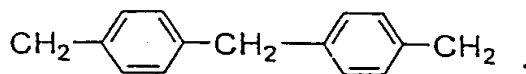
$R^1$  and  $R^4$  are



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$R^2$  and  $R^3$  are H, X is NH, and A is  $(CH_2)_{10}$ ,

B cannot be



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The term "chain length" throughout this description and

claims should be taken to mean the lowest number of atoms between one end of the spacing group and another. The spacing group may contain rings, e.g. cycloalkyl and aromatic, including heterocyclic, substituted or unsubstituted. The spacing groups may contain one or more O or S atoms as part of the chains. The type of linkages possible with these atoms are for example an ether linkage (-O-), and thio linkages (-S-) and (-S-S-). To avoid instability these linkages should not be adjacent to the N atoms of the pyridine or quinoline rings or to X if X is NH, O or S. Additionally it is preferable that no methylene group has a hetero atom on both sides.

Examples of the spacing groups A and B are given below. The preferred chain length is 3 to 10, more preferably 4 to 7.

It is preferred that X is NH,  $R^1$  and  $R^4$  are

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and  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are H.

When any of  $R^2, R^3, R^5$  and  $R^6$  are not H, it may be any substituent which is pharmaceutically acceptable and which does not remove the potency of the molecule in the effects described herein, in particular the blocking of  $Ca^{2+}$ -activated  $K^+$  channels. Some suitable substituents are given above. Others are such as acyl, -CH, etc.

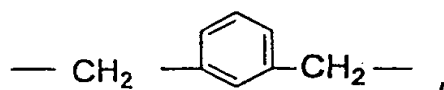
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Compounds which have shown greater potency for blocking  $SK_{Ca}$  channels are where A is selected from  $-(CH_2)_n-$ , where  $n=3-6$ ,

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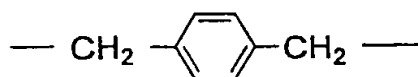
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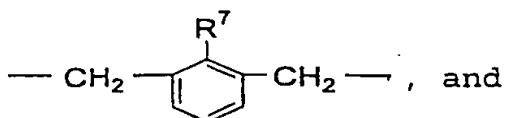
and B is selected from

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$-(CH_2)_n-$  where  $n=4-6$ ,



and

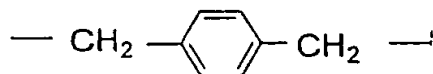


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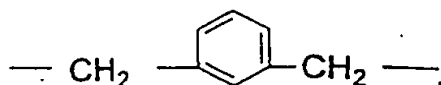
$\text{R}^7$  is selected from H, OH, OMe.

The two most potent compounds are where both A and B are  $-(CH_2)_5-$  and where A is

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and B is



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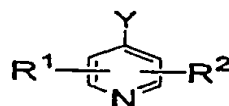


These spacing groups have a chain length of 5 and 6 respectively.

Without being bound by theory, it can be supposed that the compounds of the present invention work as potassium channel blockers by the virtue that they exhibit the property of a relatively determined spatial relationship between the two pyridine or quinoline rings of the compound; the two spacing groups hold the two pyridine or quinoline rings in this spatial relationship. This relationship may not be obtained when only one spacing group is present between the two pyridine or quinoline rings since the conformation of the spacing group changes. It appears to the present inventors that the chain length between the two pyridine or quinoline rings affects the potency of the compound as a SK<sub>Ca</sub> channel blocker. For these reasons, it is at present believed that the function of the spacing groups is primarily to provide a stable linkage between the two pyridine or quinoline rings, the chemical nature of these spacing groups being preferably relatively inert.

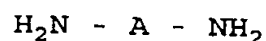
In the compounds of the invention, the substituent groups such as alkyl, alkylamono, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl and alkaryl mentioned above may be optionally substituted by substituents which do not remove the desired effect of the compound.

A second aspect of the present invention provides a method for producing a compound of the invention as described above having the general formula I, by  
5 reacting a compound of the general formula:

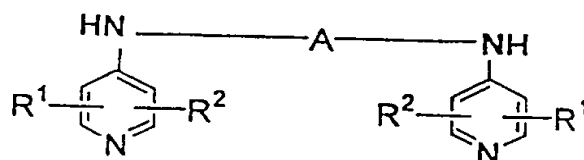


with a compound of the formula

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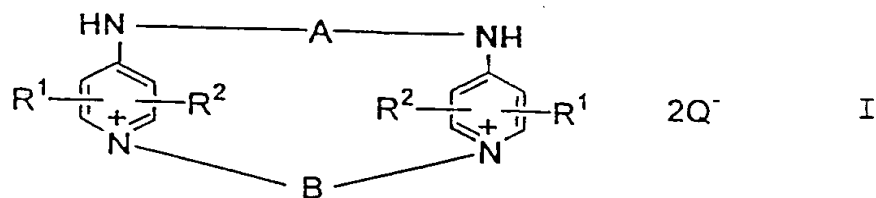


which is then further reacted with a compound of the formula

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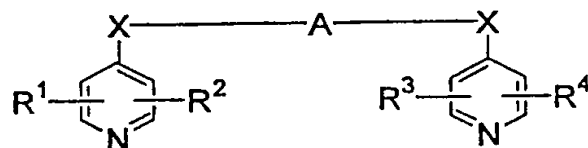
or any one of its conjugate bases,  
where

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Y and Z are independently selected from a sulphonate, Cl, Br and I.

There is further provided a method for producing a compound of the invention as described above having the general formula I, by reacting a compound of the

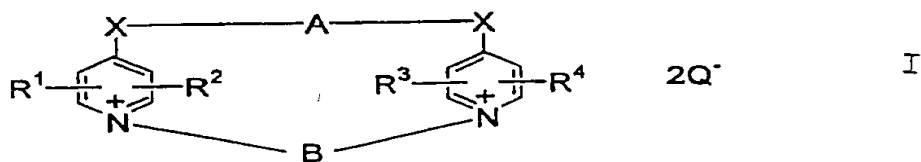
5 general formula



10 with a compound of the general formula



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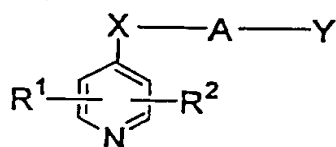


15 where Z is selected from Cl, Br and I.

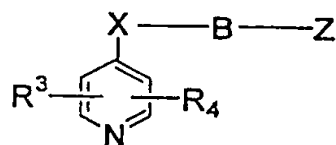
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In yet another aspect of the invention there is provided a method for producing a compound of the invention as described above having the general formula II, by reacting a compound of the general formula III

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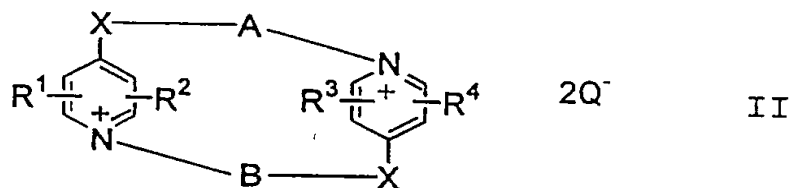


with a compound of the general formula IV



to give

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where Y and Z are independently selected from Cl, Br and I.

In this method Compounds III and IV may be identical.

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Pharmaceutically acceptable acids as mentioned in the above two aspects are exemplified by hydrochloric, hydrobromic, boric, phosphoric, sulphuric, acetic, tartaric, maleic, citric, succinic, benzoic, ascorbic, methanesulphonic,  $\alpha$ -keto glutaric,  $\alpha$ -glycerophosphoric, trifluoroacetic and glucose-1-phosphoric acids.

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A third aspect of the present invention provides the use of compounds of the present invention in the treatment of any one of the following disorders: myotonic muscular dystrophy, gastrointestinal  
5 dysmotilities, disorders of memory, narcolepsy and associated disorders, cancers, ethanol-induced neurotoxicity and bacterial infection.

A fourth aspect of the present invention provides the use of compounds of the present invention in the  
10 preparation of a pharmaceutical for the treatment of any one of the following disorders: myotonic muscular dystrophy, gastrointestinal dysmotilities, disorders of memory, narcolepsy and associated disorders, cancers,  
15 ethanol-induced neurotoxicity and bacterial infection.

A fifth aspect of the present invention provides a pharmaceutical composition containing a compound of the present invention.

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In accordance with the present invention, compositions provided may be administered to human individuals or used as a veterinary medicine, particularly for other mammals. Administration is preferably in a  
25 "therapeutically effective amount", this being sufficient to show benefit to a patient. Such benefit

may be at least amelioration of at least one symptom.  
The actual amount administered, and rate and time-  
course of administration, will depend on the nature and  
severity of what is being treated. Prescription of  
5 treatment, eg decisions on dosage etc, is within the  
responsibility of general practitioners and other  
medical doctors.

Pharmaceutical compositions according to the present  
10 invention, and for use in accordance with the present  
invention, may comprise, in addition to active  
ingredient, a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient,  
carrier, buffer, stabiliser or other materials well  
known to those skilled in the art. Such materials  
15 should be non-toxic and should not interfere with the  
efficacy of the active ingredient. The precise nature  
of the carrier or other material will depend on the  
route of administration, which may be oral, or by  
injection, e.g. cutaneous, subcutaneous or intravenous.

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Pharmaceutical compositions for oral administration may  
be in tablet, capsule, powder or liquid form. A tablet  
may comprise a solid carrier such as gelatin or an  
adjuvant. Liquid pharmaceutical compositions generally  
25 comprise a liquid carrier such as water, petroleum,  
animal or vegetable oils, mineral oil or synthetic oil.

Physiological saline solution, dextrose or other saccharide solution or glycols such as ethylene glycol, propylene glycol or polyethylene glycol may be included.

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For intravenous, cutaneous or subcutaneous injection, or injection at the site of affliction, the active ingredient will be in the form of a parenterally acceptable aqueous solution which is pyrogen-free and has suitable pH, tonicity and stability. Those of relevant skill in the art are well able to prepare suitable solutions using, for example, isotonic vehicles such as Sodium Chloride Injection, Ringer's Injection, Lactated Ringer's Injection. Preservatives, stabilisers, buffers, antioxidants and/or other additives may be included, as required.

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#### EXAMPLES

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Embodiments of the invention will now be given in detail by way of example. We describe syntheses of compounds of the invention, identified as Compound 1 etc., and of intermediates and starting materials.

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In the following syntheses of compounds 1 to 41, where preparative high performance liquid chromatography

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(HPLC) was performed, it was carried out with a Gilson apparatus using a UV detector and a Kromasil C18 5  $\mu$ m column. Solvent mixtures of water + 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and MeOH + 0.1% TFA were used with a flow rate of 20 ml/min. In many cases, some excess TFA is retained in the salts after HPLC, as well as CH<sub>3</sub>OH and H<sub>2</sub>O.

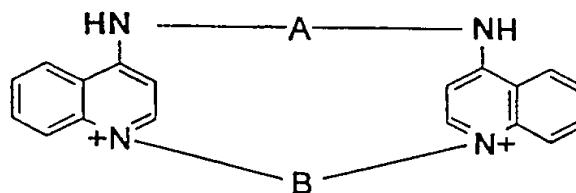
mp is melting point, but where this is followed by (dec) or (decomp), it indicates decomposition at the temperature given. bp is boiling point.

MeOH is CH<sub>3</sub>OH, EtOH is C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH, DMF is dimethyl formamide.

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The structures of the Compounds 1 to 41 of the invention can all be represented by the general formula:

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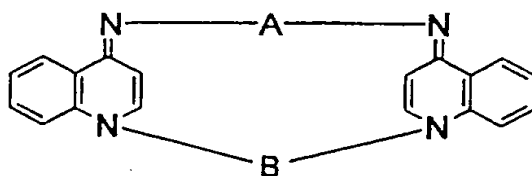


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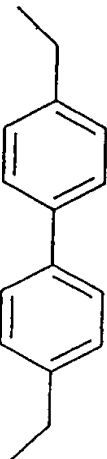
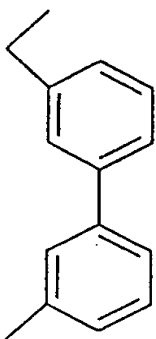
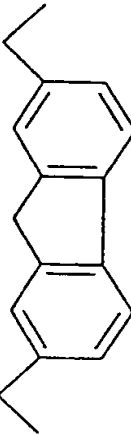
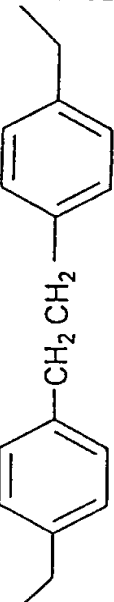
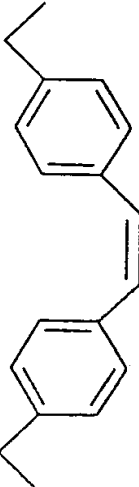


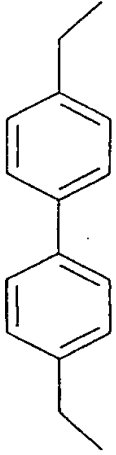
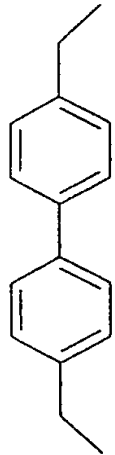
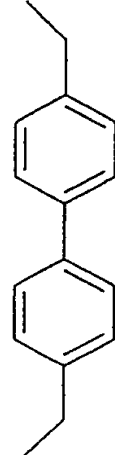
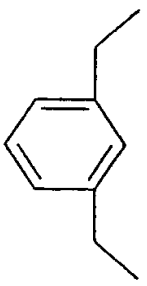
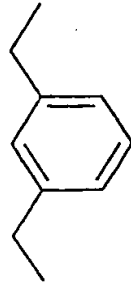
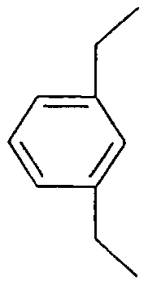
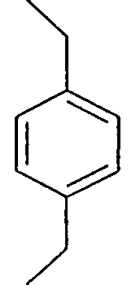
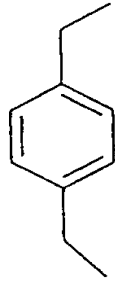
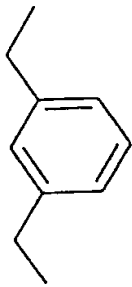
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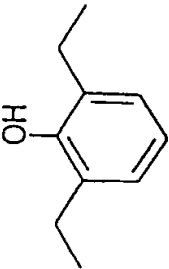
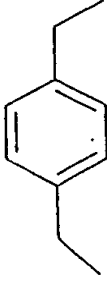
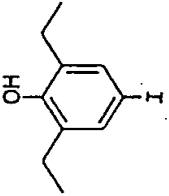
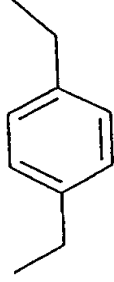
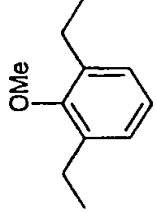
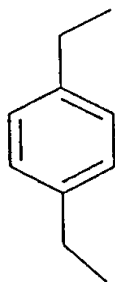
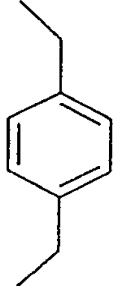

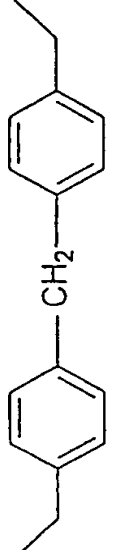
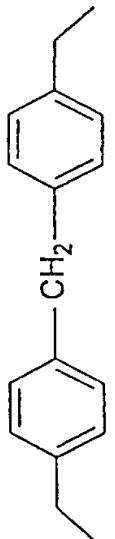
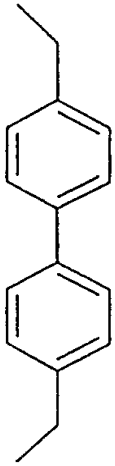
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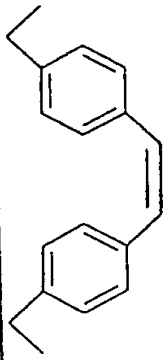
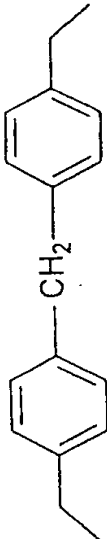
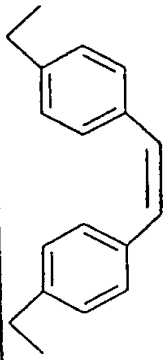
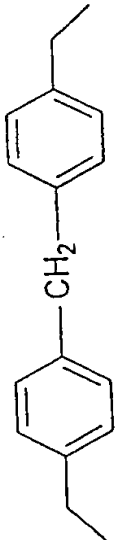
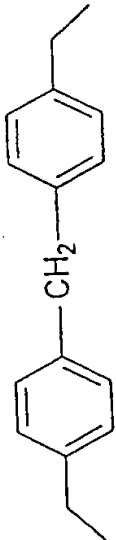
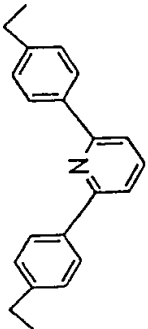
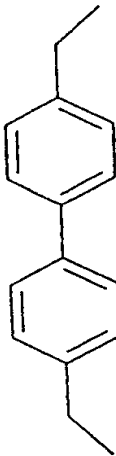
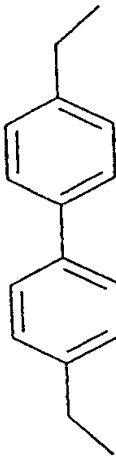
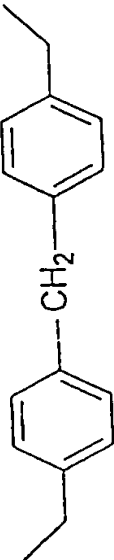
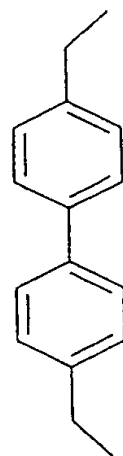
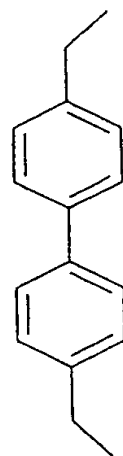
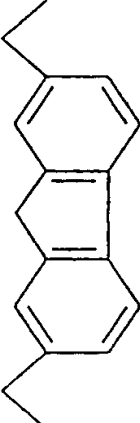
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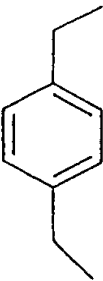
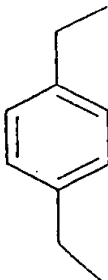
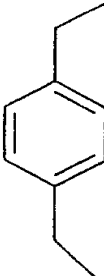

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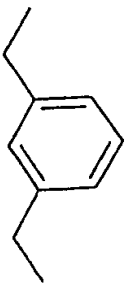
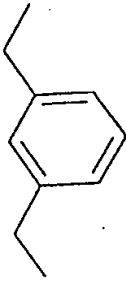
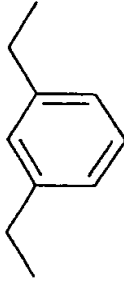
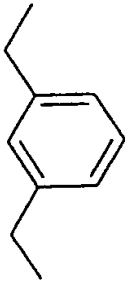
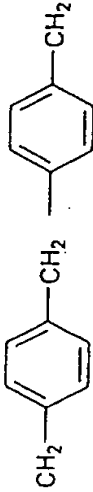
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21	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>8</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>8</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>8</sub>
22	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>10</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>10</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>10</sub>
23	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>
24	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>
25	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>
26	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>
27	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>

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30	$(CH_2)_3$	$(CH_2)_4$
31	$(CH_2)_3$	$(CH_2)_3$
32	$(CH_2)_3$	$(CH_2)_3$
33		$(CH_2)_5$
34		$(CH_2)_4$
35		$(CH_2)_6$
36		$(CH_2)_3$

37	$(\text{CH}_2)_6$	
38	$(\text{CH}_2)_5$	
39	$(\text{CH}_2)_4$	
40	$(\text{CH}_2)_3$	
41	$(\text{CH}_2)_6$	$(\text{CH}_2)_5$
A	$(\text{CH}_2)_{10}$	

Intermediate I

1,10-Di(quinoline-4-yl)aminodecane:

4-chloroquinoline (2 g, 12.2 mmol) and 1,10-diaminodecane (1.054 g, 6.12 mmol) were dissolved with heating in 1-pentanol (40 ml) and heated under reflux for 30 h. On cooling a creamy precipitate formed which was collected, dissolved in MeOH, made alkaline with 10% aqueous NaOH, diluted with water and left overnight. The product was collected, and crystallised (MeOH) and had mp: 169-171°C. Analysis for  $C_{28}H_{34}N_4$ , 0.3  $CH_3OH$ , 0.2  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 77.28, H, 8.16; N, 12.74%. Found: C, 76.91; H, 7.77; N, 12.77%

Compound 1

7,18-Diaza-3,4(1,4)-dibenzena-1,6(1,4)-diquinolinacyclooctadecaphane tri-trifluoroacetate hydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(p,p'-dimethylenebiphenyl)- $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ , decamethylene-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) tri-trifluoroacetate hydrate: 1,10-di(quinolin-4-yl)aminodecane (0.2 g, 0.469 mmol) (Intermediate I) and 4,4'-bis(bromomethyl)biphenyl (0.160 g, 0.470 mmol) were dissolved with heating in 2-butanone (50 ml) and then heated, with stirring, under reflux for 72 h. The product was collected by filtration and purified by preparative HPLC, then dissolved in the minimum amount



of cold 2-propanol, filtered by gravity and the solvent removed in vacuo. This yielded an off white solid, mp: 280-282 °C.

Analysis for  $C_{42}H_{44}N_4$ , 3.4  $CF_3COOH$ , 1.4  $H_2O$ .

5     Calculated: C, 57.59, H, 4.97; N, 5.5%. Found: C, 57.81; H, 5.31; N, 5.71%.

Compound 2

7,18-Diaza-3,4(1,3)-dibenzena-1,6(1,4)-  
10     diquinolinacyclooctadecaphane tetra-trifluoroacetate dihydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(m,m'-dimethylenebiphenyl)- $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -decamethylene-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) tetra-trifluoroacetate dihydrate: 1,10-di(quinolin-4-yl)aminodecane (0.120 g, 0.281  
15     mmol) (Intermediate I) and 4,4'-bis(bromomethyl)biphenyl (0.096 g, 0.281 mmol) were dissolved with heating in 2-butanone (30 ml) and then heated, with stirring, under reflux for 39 h. The product was collected and purified as described above to yield an off-white  
20     solid, mp: 112-114 °C. Analysis for  $C_{42}H_{44}N_4$ , 4.2  $CF_3COOH$ , 2.2  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 53.89, H, 4.72; N, 4.99%. Found: C, 53.81; H, 4.94; N, 5.09%.

Compound 3

25     6,17-Diaza-3(2,7)-fluorena-1,5(1,4)-diquinolinacycloheptadecaphane tetra-trifluoroacetate

dihydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(2,7-dimethylenefluorene)-N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>'-decamethylene-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) tetra-trifluoroacetate dihydrate: 1,10-di(quinolin-4-yl)aminodecane (0.147 g, 0.344 mmol) (Intermediate I) and 2,7-di(bromomethyl)fluorene (0.120 g, 0.343 mmol) were dissolved with heating in 2-butanone (35 ml) and then heated, with stirring, under reflux for 39 h. The product was collected and purified as above to yield an off-white solid, mp: 214-216 °C. Analysis for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 3.9 CF<sub>3</sub>COOH, 2 H<sub>2</sub>O. Calculated: C, 55.59, H, 4.77; N, 5.10%. Found: C, 55.57; H, 5.02; N, 5.03%.

#### Compound 4

9,20-Diaza-3,6(1,4)-dibenzena-1,8(1,4)-diquinolinacycloicosaphane tri-trifluoroacetate hydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(p,p'-dimethylenebibenzyl)-N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>'-decamethylene-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) tri-trifluoroacetate hydrate: 1,10-di(quinolin-4-yl)aminodecane (0.200 g, 0.469 mmol) (Intermediate I) and bis(p-bromomethyl)bibenzyl (0.173 g, 0.470 mmol) were dissolved with heating in 2-butanone (50 ml) and heated, with stirring, under reflux for 36 h. The product was purified as above to yield an off-white solid, mp: 202-204 °C. Analysis for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 3.2 CF<sub>3</sub>COOH, 1.2 H<sub>2</sub>O. Calculated: C, 59.38,

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H, 5.3; N, 5.5%. Found: C, 59.25; H, 5.38; N, 5.76%.

Compound 5

9,20-Diaza-3,6(1,4)-dibenzena-1,8(1,4)-diquinolina-4-  
5 (Z)-enecycloicosaphane tetra-trifluoroacetate  
dihydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(p,p'-  
dimethylene-(Z)-stilbene)-N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>'-decamethylene-bis-(4-  
aminoquinolinium) tetra-trifluoroacetate dihydrate:  
1,10-di(quinolin-4-yl)aminodecane (0.200 g, 0.469  
10 mmol) (Intermediate I) and 4,4'-bis(bromomethyl)-(Z)-  
stilbene (0.172 g, 0.469 mmol) were dissolved with  
heating in 2-butanone (50 ml) and heated, with  
stirring, under reflux for 46 h. The product was  
collected and purified as described above to yield an  
15 off-white solid, mp: 184-186 °C. Analysis for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>4</sub>,  
4.2 CF<sub>3</sub>COOH, 2.2 H<sub>2</sub>O. Calculated: C, 54.76, H, 4.79;  
N, 4.87%. Found: C, 54.85; H, 5.12; N, 4.88%.

Intermediate II

20 4,4'-Di-(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethylbiphenyl:  
4-Chloroquinoline (1.6 g, 9.6 mmol) and 4,4'-  
di(aminomethyl)biphenyl (1.0 g, 4.8 mmol) were  
dissolved with heating in 1-pentanol (32 ml) and heated  
under reflux for 48 h. On cooling a creamy  
25 precipitate formed which was collected, dissolved in  
MeOH (350 ml), made alkaline with 10% aq NaOH diluted

with water and left overnight. The product formed was collected and crystallized from MeOH-CHCl<sub>3</sub>-petroleum ether (bp 40-60 °C) and dried to give 1.5 g; mp: 250-252 °C dec.

- 5 Analysis for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 0.8 CH<sub>3</sub>OH. Calculated: C, 80.04, H, 5.98; N, 11.38%. Found: C, 80.12; H, 6.15; N, 11.28%.

Compound 6

- 10 13,18-Diaza-15,16(1,4)-dibenzena-1,12(1,4)-  
diquinolinacyclooctadecaphane tri-trifluoroacetate  
hydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-decamethylene-  
N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4'</sup>-(p,p'-dimethylenebiphenyl)-bis-(4-  
aminoquinolinium) tri-trifluoroacetate hydrate:
- 15 4,4'-Di-(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethylbiphenyl(0.1 g, 0.214  
mmol)(Intermediate II) and 1,10-diiododecane (0.09 g,  
0.214 mmol) were dissolved with heating in 2-butanone  
(50 ml) and heated, with stirring, under reflux for 120  
h. The product was collected by filtration (0.140 g)
- 20 and then purified by preparative HPLC. The isolated  
product was dissolved in the minimum amount of cold 2-  
propanol, filtered by gravity and the solvent removed  
in vacuo. This yielded a yellow solid, mp: 233-234 °C  
dec.. Analysis for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 3.1 CF<sub>3</sub>COOH, 1.1 H<sub>2</sub>O.
- 25 Calculated: C, 59.19, H, 5.08; N, 5.73%. Found: C,  
59.03; H, 5.14; N, 5.72%.

Compound 7

7,12-Diaza-3,4,9,10(1,4)-tetrabenzena-1,6(1,4)-  
diquinolinacyclododecaphane hexa-trifluoroacetate  
5 tetrahydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(p,p'-  
Dimethylenebiphenyl)-N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>'-(p,p'-dimethylenebiphenyl)-  
bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) hexa-trifluoroacetate  
tetrahydrate:  
4,4'-Di-(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethylbiphenyl (0.25 g,  
10 0.536 mmol) (Intermediate II) and 4,4'-  
di(bromomethyl)biphenyl (0.18 g, 0.53 mmol) were  
dissolved with heating in 2-butanone (50 ml) and  
heated, with stirring, under reflux for 60 h. The  
product was collected by filtration (0.40 g) and then  
15 purified by preparative HPLC. The isolated product was  
dissolved in the minimum amount of cold 2-propanol,  
filtered by gravity and the solvent removed in vacuo to  
yield a solid, mp: 140-142 °C. Analysis for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 6  
CF<sub>3</sub>COOH, 4 H<sub>2</sub>O. Calculated: C, 49.72, H, 3.60; N,  
20 4.00%. Found: C, 49.47; H, 3.91; N, 3.95%.

Intermediate III

m-Bis[(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]benzene hydrate:  
4-Chloroquinoline (0.800 g, 0.489 mmol) and m-  
25 di(aminomethyl)benzene (0.340 g, 2.49 mmol) were  
dissolved with heating in 1-pentanol (20 ml) and heated

under reflux for 41.5 h and then evaporated to afford an oil which crystallized after 2 days. The latter was suspended in MeOH (120 ml), made alkaline with 10% aqueous NaOH (40 ml) and stirred for 3 h. The product was collected by filtration, dried, and crystallized from MeOH (120 ml) to give beige crystals, mp: 243-246 °C (decomp). Analysis for  $C_{26}H_{22}N_4 \cdot 1.7 H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 74.16, H, 6.08; N, 13.3%. Found: C, 74.06; H, 5.79; N, 12.97%.

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Compound 8

6,10-Diaza-3,8(1,3)-dibenzena-1,5(1,4)-diquinolinacyclodecaphane di-trifluoroacetate dihydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1', N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>'-bis(m-dimethylenebenzene)-bis(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate dihydrate:

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m-Bis[(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]-benzene (0.210 g, 0.0616 mmol) (Intermediate III) and m-di(bromomethyl)-dibenzene (0.146 g, 0.0553 mmol) were dissolved with heating in 2-butanone (25 ml) and heated, with stirring, under reflux for 23 h. The product was collected by filtration (0.333 g) and purified by preparative HPLC. The resulting product was then dissolved in the minimum amount of cold 2-propanol,

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25 filtered by gravity and the solvent removed in vacuo to yield a white microcrystalline compound; mp: 224-226 °C

(decomp). Analysis for  $C_{34}H_{28}N_4$ , 2  $CF_3COOH$ , 2.4  $H_2O$ .  
Calculated: C, 59.75, H, 4.59; N, 7.33%. Found: C,  
59.77; H, 4.70; N, 7.12.%.

5     Compound 9

6,10-Diaza-8,(1,3),3(1,4)-dibenzena-1,5(1,4)-  
diquinolinacyclodecaphane di-trifluoroacetate hydrate.  
Alternatively named: [1,1'-(p-dimethylenebenzene)-  
 $N^4,N^{4'}$ -(m-dimethylenebenzene)]-bis(4-aminoquinolinium)

10    di-trifluoroacetate hydrate:

Likewise m-bis[(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]-benzene  
(0.210 g, 0.0538 mmol) (Intermediate III) and p-  
di(bromomethyl)-benzene (0.146 g, 0.0553 mmol) were  
heated together in 2-butanone (30 ml) for 23 h and the  
15    product purified by preparative HPLC to yield a white  
powder, mp: 234-236 °C (decomp). Analysis for  
 $C_{34}H_{28}N_4$ , 2  $CF_3COOH$ , 1.1  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 56.22, H,  
3.92; N, 6.56%. Found: C, 55.94, H, 4.00; N, 6.38%.

20    Intermediate IV

p-Bis[(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]benzene (a starting  
product):

4-Chloroquinoline (0.80 g, 4.89 mmol) and p-  
bis(aminomethyl)benzene (0.34 g, 2.49 mmol) were heated  
25    in 1-pentanol (20 ml) under reflux for 41.5 h. In the  
course of the reaction a creamy precipitate formed

which was collected by vacuum filtration. The 1-pentanol filtrate was concentrated to dryness and the resulting oil left to solidify (2 days). The two products were combined and suspended in MeOH (120 ml), made alkaline with aqueous NaOH (10%, 40 ml) and stirred for 3 h. The product was filtered off, dried, and recrystallized (MeOH, 120 ml) to give cream crystals (0.573 g, 57.7 %); mp: 278-279°C (decomp). Analysis for  $C_{26}H_{22}N_4$ , 0.4  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 78.52, H, 5.78; N, 14.09%. Found: C, 78.46; H, 5.90; N, 13.92%.

#### Compound 10

6,10-Diaza-3(1,3),8(1,4)-dibenzena-1,5(1,4)-diquinolinacyclodecaphane tri-trifluoroacetate hydrate. Alternatively named: [1,1'-(*m*-dimethylene- benzene)- $N^4,N^{4'}$ -(*p*-dimethylenebenzene)]-bis(4-aminoquinolinium) tri-trifluoroacetate hydrate: *p*-Bis[(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]benzene (0.180 g, 0.046 mmol) (Intermediate IV) and *m*-di(bromomethyl)benzene (0.122 g, 0.046 mmol) were dissolved with heating in 2-butanone (25 ml) and heated with stirring under reflux for 23 h. The resulting product was filtered off and purified by preparative HPLC; it was then dissolved in the minimum amount of cold 2-propanol, filtered, and the solvent was removed in



vacuo to yield the white crystalline product; mp: 255-257 °C (decomp). Analysis for  $C_{34}H_{28}N_4$ , 3  $CF_3COOH$ ,  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 56.34, H, 3.90; N, 6.57%. Found: C, 56.72, H, 4.21; N, 6.42%.

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Compound 11

3<sup>2</sup>-Hydroxy-6,10-diaza-3(1,3),8(1,4)-dibenzena-1,5(1,4)-diquinolincyclodecaphane trihydrobromide methanolate.

Alternatively named: [1,1'-(1,3-dimethylene-2-hydroxybenzene)-N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>'-(1,4-dimethylenebenzene)]-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) dibromide hydrobromide methanolate:  
A mixture of 2,6-dimethylanisole (1.8 g, 14 mmol), N-bromosuccinimide (4.9 g, 30 mmol) and dibenzoyl peroxide (0.4 g, 1.8 mmol) in carbon tetrachloride (50 ml) was stirred and heated under reflux for 4 h, cooled and filtered to remove the solid. The solvent was distilled off to give an oil which solidified on cooling and was crystallised from hexane ethylacetate to give 2,6-di(bromomethyl)anisole as a pale yellow crystalline solid, mp: 90-91 °C.

To the latter (1.28 g, 4.25 mmol) in dichloromethane (50 ml) was added boron tribromide (0.53 g, 2.15 mmol) as a 1M solution in dichloromethane. The mixture was heated under reflux with stirring for 18 h, cooled and poured onto icewater (100 ml). The organic layer was

separated, dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ) and evaporated to yield 2,6-di(bromomethyl)phenol, mp: 80-82 °C.

To a refluxing solution of *p*-bis[(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]-benzene (0.2 g, 0.051 mmol) (Intermediate IV) in 2-butanone (40 ml) was added 2,6-di(bromomethyl)phenol (0.17 g, 0.060 mmol) dissolved in 2-butanone (5 ml) and the mixture was heated with stirring under reflux for 42 h. The product was collected by filtration and crystallised from methanol to yield a pale yellow crystalline solid, mp: 280-282 °C decomp. Analysis for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4\text{O}$ , 3 HBr,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ . Calculated: C, 53.66, H, 4.50; N, 7.15%. Found: C, 53.56, H, 4.54; N, 6.86%.

Compound 12

3<sup>2</sup>-Hydroxy-3<sup>5</sup>-iodo-6,10-diaza-3(1,3),8(1,4)-dibenzena-1,5(1,4)-diquinolinacyclodecaphane dihydroiodide methanolate hemihydrate. Alternatively named: [1,1'-(1,3-dimethylene-2-hydroxy-5-iodobenzene)-N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>'-(1,4-dimethylenebenzene)]-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) diiodide methanolate hemihydrate.

To a solution of the above cyclophane Compound 11 (0.01 g, 0.162 mmol) and sodium iodide (0.0029 g, 0.195 mmol) in DMF (0.8 ml) at 28 °C was added chloramine T (0.0055 g, 0.195 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 28 °C for

1 h, then diluted with water (2 ml) and acidified with 5% HCl. The solid which separated was filtered off, washed with water (2 ml), then with sodium thiosulphite solution, and dried to afford a solid which, after  
5 crystallisation from methanol, yielded the product as a yellow solid, mp: 260 °C decomp. Analysis for  $C_{34}H_{27}IN_4O$ , 2 HI,  $CH_3OH$ , 0.5  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 45.14, H, 3.68; N, 6.01%. Found: C, 45.37, H, 3.62; N, 5.60%.

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Compound 13

3<sup>2</sup>-Methoxy-6,10-diaza-3(1,3),8(1,4)-dibenzena-1,5(1,4)-diquinolinacyclodecaphane dihydrobromide dihydrate.  
Alternatively named: [1,1'-(1,3-dimethylene-2-methoxybenzene)-N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>'-(1,4-dimethylenebenzene)]-bis-(4-  
15 aminoquinolinium) dibromide dihydrate.

To a refluxing solution of p-bis[(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]-benzene (0.15 g, 0.038 mmol) (Intermediate IV) in 2-butanone (30 ml) was added  
20 2,6-di(bromomethyl)anisole (0.14 g, 0.05 mmol) dissolved in 2-butanone (5 ml) and the mixture was heated with stirring under reflux for 42 h. The product was collected by filtration and crystallised from methanol to give an off white solid, mp: 282-285  
25 °C decomp. Analysis for  $C_{35}H_{30}N_4O$ , 2 HBr, 2  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 58.35, H, 5.04; N, 7.78%. Found: C,

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58.60, H, 4.94; N, 7.55%.

Compound 14

6,10-Diaza-3,8(1,4)-dibenzena-1,7(1,4)-

5 diquinolinacyclodecaphane tri-trifluoroacetate hydrate.

Alternatively named: [1,1',N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>'-bis(*p*-dimethylenebenzene)]-bis(4-aminoquinolinium) tri-trifluoroacetate hydrate:

*p*-Bis [(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]benzene (0.180 g,  
10 0.046 mmol) (Intermediate IV) and *p*-di(bromomethyl)benzene (0.122 g, 0.046 mmol) were dissolved with heating in 2-butanone (25 ml) and heated with stirring under reflux for 23 h. The resulting product was filtered off and purified by preparative  
15 HPLC; it was then dissolved in the minimum amount of cold 2-propanol, filtered, and the solvent was removed in vacuo to yield the white solid product; mp: 326-328 °C (decomp). Analysis for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 3 CF<sub>3</sub>COOH, 1.2 H<sub>2</sub>O. Calculated: C, 56.11, H, 3.93; N, 6.54%. Found: C,  
20 56.10, H, 4.19; N, 6.38%.

Intermediate V

4,4'-Bis[(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]diphenylmethane dimethanolate:

25 4-Chloroquinoline (1.45 g, 9 mmol) and 4,4'-bis(aminomethyl)diphenylmethane (1 g, 4.42 mmol) were

dissolved with heating in 1-pentanol (50 ml) and then heated under reflux for 47 h. The suspension was then concentrated to dryness and the resulting solid (3.26 g) was dissolved in MeOH (100 ml), made alkaline with aqueous NaOH (10 %, 40 ml), and stirred for 19 h. The product was filtered off and dried, and purified by column chromatography (MeOH:CHCl<sub>3</sub>=1:1) to give a yellowish powder; this was dissolved in dry 2-propanol, filtered, and dried; mp: 116-118 °C (decomp). Analysis for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 2.3 CH<sub>3</sub>OH, 0.1 H<sub>2</sub>O. Calculated: C, 76.24, H, 6.78; N, 10.07%. Found: C, 76.51, H, 6.72; N, 9.72.%.

Compound 15

8,14-Diaza-3,5,10,12(1,4)-tetrabenzena-1,7(1,4)-diquinolinacyclotetradecaphane tri-trifluoroacetate dihydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1',N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>'-[p,p'-dimethylenediphenylmethane-bis(4-amino-quinolinium)] tri-trifluoroacetate dihydrate:

4,4'-Bis [(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]-diphenylmethane (0.271 g, 0.0564 mmol) (Intermediate V) and 4,4'-bis(bromomethyl)diphenylmethane (0.200 g, 0.0565 mmol) were dissolved with heating in 2-propanone (50 ml) and heated with stirring under reflux for 45 h. The product was collected by filtration and purified by preparative HPLC; it was then dissolved in the minimum

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amount of cold 2-propanol, filtered, and the solvent removed in vacuo. This yielded an off-white microcrystalline compound; mp: 218-220 °C (decomp). Analysis for  $C_{48}H_{40}N_4$ , 3  $CF_3COOH$ , 2.2  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 61.50, H, 4.53; N, 5.31%. Found: C, 61.32, H, 4.59; N, 5.24%.

In a similar manner, the following compounds were synthesised:

Compound 16

7,13-Diaza-3,4,9,11(1,4)-tetrabenzena-1,6(1,4)-diquinolinacyclotridecaphane tetra-trifluoroacetate dihydrate. Alternatively named: [1,1'-(p,p'-dimethylenebiphenyl)-N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>'-(p,p'-dimethylenediphenylmethane)]-bis(4-aminoquinolinium) tetra-trifluoroacetate dihydrate:

From 4,4'-bis[(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]-diphenylmethane (0.283 g, 0.0588 mmol) (Intermediate V) and 4,4'-bis(bromo-methyl)biphenyl (0.200 g, 0.0588 mmol) to yield a white microcrystalline compound; mp: 224-226 °C (decomp). Analysis for  $C_{48}H_{40}N_4$ , 4  $CF_3COOH$ , 2  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 57.4, H, 4.03; N, 4.87%. Found: C, 57.72, H, 4.36; N, 4.69%.

Compound 17

9,15-Diaza-3,6,11,13(1,4)-tetrabenzena-1,8(1,4)-  
diquinolina-4-(Z)-ene-cyclopentadecaphane di-  
trifluoroacetate trihydrate. Alternatively named:  
[1,1'-(p,p'-dimethylene-(Z)-stilbene)-N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>'-(p,p'-  
5 dimethylenediphenylmethane)]-bis(4-aminoquinolinium)  
di-trifluoroacetate trihydrate:

From 4,4'-bis[(quinolin-4-  
yl)aminomethyl]diphenylmethane (0.263 g, 0.0547  
mmol) (Intermediate V) and 4,4'-bis(bromomethyl)-(Z)-  
10 stilbene (0.200 g, 0.0546 mmol) to give the product  
which was recrystallised from absolute ethanol after  
the addition of a few drops of diethyl ether to yield a  
white powder; mp: 267-269 °C (decomp). Analysis for  
C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 2 CF<sub>3</sub>COOH, 3.4 H<sub>2</sub>O. Calculated: C, 65.21, H,  
15 5.25; N, 5.74%. Found: C, 65.43, H, 5.17; N, 5.75%.

#### Compound 18

8,14-Diaza-3,5,10,12(1,4)-tetrabenzena-4(2,6)-pyridina-  
1,7(1,4)-diquinolinacyclotetradecaphane tri-  
20 trifluoroacetate trihydrate dimethanolate.

Alternatively named: 1,1'-{[2,6-bis(4'-  
methylenephenyl)pyridine]-N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>'-(p,p'-  
dimethylenediphenylmethane)}-bis(4-aminoquinolinium)  
tri-trifluoroacetate trihydrate dimethanolate:  
25 4,4'-bis[(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]diphenylmethane  
(0.200 g, 0.0416 mmol) (Intermediate V) and 2,6-bis[4'-

(bromomethyl) phenyl]pyridine were dissolved with heating in 2-propanone (30 ml). The solution was heated with stirring under reflux for 40 h and the product collected by filtration. This was treated with  
5 boiling EtOH (75 ml) and the insoluble material was filtered off and purified by preparative HPLC. The isolated product was then dissolved in the minimum amount of cold 2-propanol, filtered by gravity and the solvent removed in vacuo to yield an off-white solid;  
10 mp: 224-226 °C. Analysis for  $C_{52}H_{40}N_5$ , 3  $CF_3COOH$ , 2  $CH_3OH$ , 2.8  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 60.48, H, 4.79; N, 5.88%. Found: C, 60.49, H, 4.89; N, 5.53%.

#### Intermediate VI

15 4,4'-Bis[(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]biphenyl hydrate (a starting product):

In a similar manner to Intermediate V 4-chloroquinoline (0.231 g, 1.41 mmol) and 4,4'-bis(aminomethyl)biphenyl (0.150 g, 0.707 mmol) were heated together in 1-  
20 pentanol, and the suspension stirred under reflux for 47 h. The product, after being recrystallized [MeOH,  $CHCl_3$ , petroleum ether (bp: 60-80 °C)] was obtained as cream crystals; mp: 250-252 °C (decomp). Analysis for  $C_{26}H_{22}N_4$ , 1.6  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 77.58, H, 5.94; N, 11.31%. Found: C, 77.54, H, 5.67; N, 11.02%  
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Compound 19

7,13-Diaza-3,4,9,11(1,4)-tetrabenzena-1,6(1,4)-  
diquinolinacyclotridecaphane tetra-trifluoroacetate  
heptahydrate. Alternatively named: [1,1'-(*p,p'*-  
5 dimethylenebiphenyl)-N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4'</sup>-(*p,p'*-  
dimethylenediphenylmethane)]-bis(4-aminoquinolinium)  
tetra-trifluoroacetate heptahydrate:

From 4,4'-bis[(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]biphenyl  
(0.173 g, 0.0371 mmol) (Intermediate VI) and 4,4'-  
10 bis(bromomethyl)diphenylmethane (0.131 g, 0.0370 mmol).  
The isolated product was obtained as an off-white  
solid; mp: > 350 °C. Analysis for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 4.5  
CF<sub>3</sub>COOH, 7 H<sub>2</sub>O. Calculated: C, 51.82, H, 4.39; N,  
4.32%. Found: C, 52.05, H, 4.62; N, 4.16.%.  
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Compound 20

6,11-Diaza-8,9(1,4)-dibenzena-3(2,7)-fluorena-1,5(1,4)-  
diquinolinacycloundecaphane tetra-trifluoroacetate  
hexahydrate. Alternatively named: [1,1'-(2,7-  
20 dimethylenefluorene)-N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4'</sup>-(*p,p'*-dimethylenebiphenyl)]-  
bis(4-aminoquinolinium) tetra-trifluoroacetate  
hexahydrate:

From 4,4'-bis[(quinolin-4-yl)aminomethyl]biphenyl  
(0.200 g, 0.0429 mmol) (Intermediate VI) and 2,7-  
25 bis(bromomethyl)fluorene (0.154 g, 0.0429 mmol) with  
heating in 2-propanone (50 ml) under reflux for 39 h.

After filtration, the collected product was treated with a boiling mixture of EtOH/MeOH (150 ml/50 ml) and the insoluble sample was filtered and purified by preparative HPLC to yield an off-white solid; mp: 316-319 °C. Analysis for  $C_{47}H_{36}N_4$ , 4  $CF_3COOH$ , 6.6  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 53.63, H, 4.35; N, 4.55%. Found: C, 53.63, H, 4.58; N, 4.41%.

Compound 21

11,20-Diaza-1,10(1,4)-diquinolinacycloicosaphane dihydroiodide sesquihydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Octane-1,8-diyl)- $N^4, N^{4'}$ -(octane-1,8-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) diiodide sesquihydrate.

A mixture of 4-chloroquinoline (0.5 g, 3.056 mmol) and 1,8-diaminooctane (0.220 g, 1.528 mmol) in 1-pentanol (10 ml) was heated under reflux with stirring for 48 h and then cooled. The resulting precipitate was collected, washed with 1-pentanol and diethyl ether, then dissolved in 12 ml of hot methanol, and basified with 3.5 ml of 1M NaOH solution. Water (30 ml) was added into the flask and it was cooled for 1 h. The precipitate was collected, washed extensively with water, and then dried under vacuum at 40 °C for 12 h to give  $N^4, N^{4'}$ -(octane-1,8-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) as a white crystalline solid (0.6 g, 98% yield); mp: 185-189 °C.

A mixture of  $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(octane-1,8-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) (0.4 g, 1.004 mmol) and 1,8-diiodooctane (0.367 g, 1.004 mmol) in 2-butanone (330 ml) was heated under reflux with stirring for 7 days and then cooled. The resulting precipitate was collected, washed extensively with diethyl ether, dried under vacuum at 40 °C for 12 h to give the product as a yellowish crystalline solid; mp: 248-253 °C. Analysis for  $C_{34}H_{46}N_4I_2 \cdot 1.5 H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 51.57, H, 6.24; N, 7.08%. Found: C, 51.68, H, 5.99; N, 6.78%.

Compound 22

13,24-Diaza-1,12(1,4)-diquinolinacyclotetraicosaphane tri-trifluoroacetate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Decane-1,10-diyl)- $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(decane-1,10-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) tri-trifluoroacetate.

A mixture of  $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(decane-1,10-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) prepared in the same way as the intermediate in the synthesis of Compound 21 (0.4 g, 0.9 mmol) and 1,10-diiododecane (0.37 g, 0.9 mmol) in 2-propanone (330 ml) was heated under reflux with stirring for 7 days, then cooled. The resulting precipitate was collected, washed extensively with diethyl ether, and purified by preparative HPLC to give a white crystalline solid; mp: 122-125 °C. Analysis for  $C_{38}H_{52}N_4 \cdot 3 CF_3COOH$ . Calculated: C, 58.25, H, 6.12; N, 6.18%. Found: C, 58.53, H, 6.12; N, 6.14%.

Compound 23

9,16-Diaza-1,8(1,4)-diquinolinacyclohexadecaphane  
tetra-trifluoroacetate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-  
(Hexane-1,6-diyl)-N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4'</sup>-(hexane-1,6-diyl)-bis-(4-  
5 aminoquinolinium) tetra- trifluoroacetate.

A mixture of 4-chloroquinoline (0.5 g, 3.05 mmol) and  
hexamethylenediamine (0.177 g, 1.52 mmol) in 1-pentanol  
(10 ml) was heated under reflux with stirring for 48  
hours and then cooled. The resulting precipitate was  
10 collected, washed with 1-pentanol and diethyl ether and  
then treated as described above in the synthesis of  
Compound 21 to give N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4'</sup>-(hexane-1,6-diyl)-bis-(4-  
aminoquinoline) as a white crystalline solid (0.55 g,  
97% yield); mp: 226-230 °C.

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A mixture of N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4'</sup>-(hexane-1,6-diyl)-bis-(4-  
aminoquinoline) (0.4 g, 1.080 mmol) and 1,6-  
diiodohexane (0.365 g, 1.080 mmol) in 2-butanone (330  
ml) was heated under reflux with stirring for 7 days  
20 and then cooled. The precipitate was collected by  
filtration, washed extensively with diethyl ether, and  
purified by preparative HPLC, to give the product as a  
white crystalline solid; mp: 132-136 °C. Analysis for  
C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 4 CF<sub>3</sub>COOH. Calculated: C, 50.21, H, 4.44; N,  
25 6.17%. Found: C, 50.10, H, 4.43; N, 6.03%.

Compound 24

8,14-Diaza-1,7(1,4)-diquinolinacyclotetradecaphane  
tetra-trifluoroacetate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-  
(Pentane-1,5-diyl)-N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4'</sup>-(pentane-1,5-diyl)-bis-(4-  
5 aminoquinolinium) tetra-trifluoroacetate.

A mixture of 4-chloroquinoline (0.5 g, 3.056 mmol) and  
1,5-diaminopentane (0.156 g, 1.528 mmol) in 1-pentanol  
(10 ml) was heated under reflux with stirring for 48  
hours and then cooled. Ether (20 ml) was added and the  
10 resulting precipitate was collected, washed with 1-  
pentanol and diethyl ether and then treated as  
described above in the synthesis of Compound 21 to give  
N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4'</sup>-(pentane-1,5-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) as a  
white crystalline solid, mp: 204-208 °C. A mixture of  
15 N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4'</sup>-(pentane-1,5-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) (0.475  
g, 1.334 mmol) and 1,5-diiodopentane (0.432 g, 1.33  
mmol) in 2-butanone (150 ml) was heated under reflux  
with stirring for 7 days and then cooled. The  
resulting precipitate was collected, washed extensively  
20 with diethyl ether and purified by preparative HPLC to  
give the product as a white crystalline solid; mp:  
126-130 °C. Analysis for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 4.2 CF<sub>3</sub>COOH.  
Calculated: C, 48.37, H, 4.04; N, 6.20%. Found: C,  
48.46, H, 3.99; N, 6.27%.

Compound 25

7,13-Diaza-1,6(1,4)-diquinolinacyclotridecaphane di-trifluoroacetate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)-N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4'</sup>-(pentane-1,5-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate:

This was prepared similarly to Compound 24 from N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4'</sup>-(pentane-1,5-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) (0.50 g, 1.41 mmol) and 1,4-diiodobutane (0.45 g, 1.45 mmol) in 2-butanone (170 ml) heated under reflux for 6 days. The mixture was cooled and the resulting solid was collected, washed well with ether and purified by preparative HPLC to give the product as a white crystalline solid, mp: 201-203 °C. Analysis for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 2.3 CF<sub>3</sub>COOH. Calculated: C, 56.41, H, 4.84; N, 8.33%. Found: C, 56.44, H, 4.82; N, 8.36%.

Compound 26

9,15-Diaza-1,8(1,4)-diquinolinacyclopentadecaphane tri-trifluoroacetate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Hexane-1,6-diyl)-N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4'</sup>-(pentane-1,5-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) tri-trifluoroacetate:

This was prepared similarly to Example 24 from N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4'</sup>-(pentane-1,5-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) (0.355 g, 1.00 mmol) and 1,6-diiodohexane (0.30 g, 0.99 mmol) in 2-butanone (125 ml) heated under reflux for 6 days. The mixture was cooled and the resulting solid was

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collected, washed well with ether and purified by preparative HPLC to give the product as a white crystalline solid, mp: 195-198 °C. Analysis for  $C_{29}H_{36}N_4$ , 3.1  $CF_3COOH$ . Calculated: C, 53.38, H, 4.72; N, 7.07%. Found: C, 53.24, H, 4.64; N, 7.17%.

Compound 27

7,12-Diaza-1,6(1,4)-diquinolinacyclododecaphane tetra-trifluoroacetate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)- $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(butane-1,4-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) tetra-trifluoroacetate:

A mixture of 4-chloroquinoline (0.5 g, 3.05 mmol) and 1,4-diaminobutane (0.134 g, 1.52 mmol) in 1-pentanol (10 ml) was heated under reflux with stirring for 48 h and then cooled. Ether (20 ml) was added to the mixture and the resulting precipitate was collected, washed with 1-pentanol and diethyl ether and treated as described above in the synthesis of Compound 21 to give  $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(butane-1,4-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) as a white crystalline solid; mp: 258-264 °C.

A mixture of  $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(butane-1,4-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) (0.22 g, 0.643 mmol) and 1,4-diiodobutane (0.199 g, 0.643 mmol) in 2-butanone (150 ml) was heated under reflux with stirring for 7 days and then cooled. The resulting precipitate was

collected, washed extensively with diethyl ether and purified by preparative HPLC to give the product as a white crystalline solid; mp: 138-140 °C. Analysis for  $C_{26}H_{28}N_4$ , 4.1  $CF_3COOH$ . Calculated: C, 47.52, H, 3.75; N, 6.47%. Found: C, 47.40, H, 3.74; N, 6.43%.

#### Compound 28

8,13-Diaza-1,7(1,4)-diquinolinacyclotridecaphane tri-trifluoroacetate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Pentane-1,5-diyl)- $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(butane-1,4-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) tri-trifluoroacetate:

This was prepared similarly to Compound 27 from  $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(butane-1,4-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) (0.26 g, 0.75 mmol) and 1,5-diiodopentane (0.21 g, 0.75 mmol) in 2-butanone (85 ml) heated under reflux for 6 days. The mixture was cooled and the resulting solid was collected, washed well with ether and purified by preparative HPLC to give the product as a white crystalline solid, mp: 224-226 °C. Analysis for  $C_{27}H_{30}N_4$ , 2.7  $CF_3COOH$ . Calculated: C, 54.17, H, 4.59; N, 7.80%. Found: C, 54.32, H, 4.53; N, 7.85%.

#### Compound 29

8,12-Diaza-1,7(1,4)-diquinolinacyclododecaphane tri-trifluoroacetate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Pentane-1,5-diyl)- $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(propane-1,3-diyl)-bis-(4-



aminoquinolinium) tri-trifluoroacetate:

A mixture of 4-chloroquinoline and 1,3-diaminopropane (0.113 g, 1.53 mmol) in 1-pentanol (10 ml) was heated under reflux with stirring for 48 h and then cooled.

5 Ether (20 ml) was added into the mixture and the resultant precipitate was collected, washed with 1-pentanol and diethyl ether and treated as described above in the synthesis of Compound 21 to give N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4'</sup>-(propane-1,3-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline), as a white  
10 crystalline solid; mp: 302-306 °C.

A mixture of N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4'</sup>-(propane-1,3-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) (0.2 g, 0.609 mmol) and 1,5-diiodopentane (0.197 g, 0.609 mmol) in 2-butanone (68  
15 ml) was heated under reflux with stirring for 7 days and then cooled. The resulting precipitate was washed extensively with diethyl ether and purified by preparative HPLC to give the product as a white crystalline solid; mp: 140-144 °C. Analysis for  
20 C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 3.2 CF<sub>3</sub>COOH. Calculated: C, 51.09, H, 4.13; N, 7.36%. Found: C, 51.34, H, 4.10; N, 7.31%.

#### Compound 30

7,11-Diaza-1,6(1,4)-diquinolinacycloundecaphane tri-  
25 trifluoroacetate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)-N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4'</sup>-(propane-1,3-diyl)-bis-(4-

aminoquinoquinolinium) tri-trifluoroacetate:

From  $N^4, N^{4'}-(\text{propane-1,3-diyl})\text{-bis-(4-aminoquinoline)}$  (0.3 g, 0.914 mmol) and 1,4-diiodobutane (0.283 g, 0.914 mmol) in 2-butanone (250 ml) heated under reflux with stirring for 11 days. It was obtained as a yellowish crystalline solid; mp: 132-134 °C. Analysis for  $C_{25}H_{26}N_4$ , 3.4  $CF_3COOH$ . Calculated: C, 49.57, H, 3.85; N, 7.28%. Found: C, 49.61, H, 3.78; N, 7.36%.

10 Compound 31

6,10-Diaza-1,5(1,4)-diquinolinacyclodecaphane tri-trifluoroacetate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Propane-1,3-diyl)- $N^4, N^{4'}-(\text{propane-1,3-diyl})\text{-bis-(4-aminoquinoquinolinium) tri-trifluoroacetate}$ :

15 This was prepared in a similar manner to Compound 29 from  $N^4, N^{4'}-(\text{propane-1,3-diyl})\text{-bis-(4-aminoquinoline)}$  (0.2 g, 0.609 mmol) and 1,3-diiodopropane (0.180 g, 0.609 mmol) in 4-methyl-2-pentanol (58 ml) heated under reflux with stirring for 6 days. It was obtained as a green-yellowish crystalline solid and contained about 20 7% of Compound 32; mp: 138-140 °C. Analysis for  $C_{24}H_{24}N_4$ , 3.2  $CF_3COOH$ . Calculated: C, 49.62, H, 3.86; N, 7.63%. Found: C, 49.79, H, 3.74; N, 7.64%.

25 Compound 32

The above reaction procedure was repeated and the

initially formed solid product was collected and 0.4 g heated in trifluoroacetic acid (2.5 ml) and MeOH (7.5 ml) under reflux with stirring for 7 days. Preparative HPLC was then used to separate an isomer of the above  
5 Compound 31 (cis or trans isomer). It contained about 12% of Compound 31; mp: 215-217 °C. Analysis for  $C_{24}H_{24}N_4$ , 3.2  $CF_3COOH$ , 0.5  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 49.19, H, 3.83; N, 7.55%. Found: C, 49.47, H, 4.20; N, 7.45%.

10 Compound 33

8,12-Diaza-10(1,4)-benzena-1,7(1,4)-

diquinolinacyclododecaphane di-trifluoroacetate.

Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Pentane-1,5-diyl)- $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(p-dimethylenebenzene)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) di-

15 trifluoroacetate:

4-Chloroquinoline (3.0 g, 18.3 mmol) and p-

di(aminomethyl)benzene (1.25 g, 9.17 mmol) in 1-

pentanol (60 ml) were heated under reflux with stirring for 2 days, then cooled. The resulting precipitate was

20 collected, suspended in 300 ml of methanol, basified with 150 ml of 10% NaOH solution and stirred overnight.

The solid was filtered off, washed extensively with water, dried at 40 °C under vacuum for 4 h to give  $N^4$ ,

$N^{4'}$ -(p-dimethylenebenzene)-bis(4-aminoquinoline) as a

25 pale yellow solid; mp: 278-280 °C(dec).

A mixture of  $N^4, N^{4'}-(p\text{-dimethylenebenzene})\text{-bis-}(4\text{-aminoquinoline})$  (0.5 g, 1.28 mmol) and 1,5-diiodopentane (0.41 g, 1.28 mmol) in 2-butanone (83 ml) was heated under reflux with stirring for 2 days, then cooled. The resulting precipitate was collected, washed extensively with diethyl ether and purified by preparative HPLC to give the product as a white crystalline solid, which was dried in vacuo at 40 °C for 3 days and had mp: 308-310 °C. Analysis for  $C_{31}H_{30}N_4$ , 2.2  $CF_3COOH$ . Calculated: C, 59.93, H, 4.57; N, 7.90%. Found: C, 59.70, H, 4.60; N, 7.80%.

#### Compound 34

7,11-Diaza-9(1,4)-benzena-1,6(1,4)-diquinolinacycloundecaphane di-trifluoroacetate sesquihydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)- $N^4, N^{4'}(p\text{-dimethylenebenzene})\text{-bis-}(4\text{-aminoquinoline})$  ditrifluoroacetate sesquihydrate: This was prepared in a similar manner to Compound 33 from  $N^4, N^{4'}-(p\text{-dimethylenebenzene})\text{-bis-}(4\text{-aminoquinolinium})$  and 1,4-diiodobutane and obtained as a white crystalline solid; mp: 248-250 °C(dec). Analysis for  $C_{30}H_{28}N_4$ , 2  $CF_3COOH$ , 1.5  $H_2O$ . Calculated: C, 58.35, H, 4.76; N, 8.01%. Found: C, 58.19, H, 4.91; N, 8.23%.

Compound 35

9,13-Diaza-11(1,4)-benzena-1,8(1,4)-  
diquinolinacyclotridecaphane di-trifluoroacetate.

Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Hexane-1,6-diyl)-N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>'-(p-  
5 dimethylenebenzene)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) di-  
trifluoroacetate:

This was similarly prepared from N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>'-(p-  
dimethylenebenzene)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) and 1,6-  
diiodohexane and obtained as a white crystalline solid;  
10 mp: 251-253 °C. Analysis for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 2.2 CF<sub>3</sub>COOH.  
Calculated: C, 60.43, H, 4.76; N, 7.74%. Found: C,  
60.73, H, 5.00; N, 7.94%.

Compound 36

15 6,10-Diaza-8(1,4)-benzena-1,5(1,4)-  
diquinolinacyclodecaphane tri-trifluoroacetate.  
Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Propane-1,3-diyl)-N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>'-  
(p-dimethylenebenzene)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) tri-  
trifluoroacetate:

20 This was prepared similarly to Compound 33 from N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>'-  
(p-dimethylenebenzene)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) and  
1,3-diiodopropane and obtained as a white crystalline  
solid; mp: 240-242 °C. Analysis for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 3.1  
CF<sub>3</sub>COOH. Calculated: C, 53.93, H, 3.74; N, 7.15%.  
25 Found: C, 54.03, H, 3.87; N, 7.34%.

Compound 37

6,13-Diaza-3(1,3)-benzena-1,5(1,4)-

diquinolinacyclotridecaphane di-trifluoroacetate.

Alternatively named: 1,1'-(*m*-Dimethylenebenzene)-N<sup>4</sup>,

5 N<sup>4</sup>'-(hexane-1,6-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate:

N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>'-(Hexane-1,6-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) (0.5 g,

1.35 mmol) and 1,3-di-(bromomethyl)benzene (0.36 g,

1.35 mmol) in 2-butanone (85 ml) were heated under

10 reflux with stirring for 5 days and then cooled. The resulting precipitate was collected, washed extensively with diethyl ether, and purified by preparative HPLC to give the product as a crystalline solid which was dried in vacuo at 40 °C for 3 days and had mp: 228-230 °C.

15 Analysis for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 2.3 CF<sub>3</sub>COOH. Calculated: C, 59.82, H, 4.70; N, 7.62%. Found: C, 59.52, H, 4.73; N, 7.59%.

Compound 38

20 6,12-Diaza-3(1,3)-benzena-1,5(1,4)-

diquinolinacyclododecaphane di-trifluoroacetate.

Alternatively named: 1,1'-(*m*-Dimethylenebenzene)-N<sup>4</sup>,

N<sup>4</sup>'-(pentane-1,5-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate:

25 This was prepared similarly to Compound 37 from N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>'-(pentane-1,5-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) and 1,3-di-

(bromomethyl)benzene and obtained as a white crystalline powder, mp: 238-240 °C. Analysis for  $C_{31}H_{30}N_4$ , 2.2  $CF_3COOH$ . Calculated: C, 59.93, H, 4.57; N, 7.90%. Found: C, 59.91, H, 4.54; N, 7.99%.

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Compound 39

6,11-Diaza-3(1,3)-benzena-1,5(1,4) -

diquinolinacycloundecaphane di-trifluoroacetate.

Alternatively named: 1,1'-(*m*-Dimethylenebenzene)- $N^4$ ,

10  $N^{4'}$ -(butane-1,4-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate:

This was prepared similarly to Compound 37 from  $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(butane-1,4-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) and 1,3-di-(bromomethyl)benzene and obtained as a white

15 crystalline solid, mp: 220-222 °C. Analysis for  $C_{30}H_{28}N_4$ , 2.6  $CF_3COOH$ . Calculated: C, 57.05, H, 4.16; N, 7.56%. Found: C, 57.04, H, 4.26; N, 7.61%

Compound 40

20 6,10-Diaza-3(1,3)-benzena-1,5(1,4) -

diquinolinacyclodecaphane tri-trifluoroacetate.

Alternatively named: 1,1'-(*m*-Dimethylenebenzene)- $N^4$ ,

$N^{4'}$ -(propane-1,3-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) tri-trifluoroacetate:

25 This was prepared similarly to Compound 37 from  $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(propane-1,3-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) and 1,3-di-

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(bromomethyl)benzene and obtained as a white crystalline solid, mp: 191-193 °C. Analysis for  $C_{29}H_{26}N_4$ , 3  $CF_3COOH$ . Calculated: C, 54.41, H, 3.78; N, 7.25%. Found: C, 54.57, H, 3.56; N, 7.19%.

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Compound 41

8,15-Diaza-1,7(1,4)-diquinolinacyclopentadecaphane di-trifluoroacetate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(Pentane-1,5-diyl)- $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(hexane-1,6-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate:

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This was similarly prepared from  $N^4$ ,  $N^{4'}$ -(hexane-1,6-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinoline) and 1,5-diiodopentane and obtained as a white crystalline solid, mp: 216-218 °C. Analysis for  $C_{29}H_{34}N_4$ , 2.2  $CF_3COOH$ . Calculated: C, 58.19, H, 5.29; N, 8.13%. Found: C, 58.40, H, 5.41; N, 8.24%.

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In order to test the potency of these compounds as  $SK_{Ca}$  channel blockers, the following method was used.

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Preparation of cultured sympathetic neurones

Seventeen-day old Sprague Dawley rats were killed by  
5 inhalation of a rising concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>, and the  
superior cervical ganglia were removed. The ganglia  
were de-sheathed, cut into small pieces and incubated  
in Ca<sup>2+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup> free Hanks's balanced salt solution  
(Gibco) containing 370 U ml<sup>-1</sup> collagenase and 6 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>  
10 bovine serum albumin at 37°C for 15 min. This was  
followed by incubation in Hanks's balanced salt  
solution containing 1 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> trypsin and 6 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>  
bovine serum albumin for 30 min. Ganglia were then  
dissociated using a fire-polished Pasteur pipette, and  
15 the resultant cell suspension plated onto laminin  
coated plastic culture dishes. Cells were grown in L-  
15 medium supplemented with 10% foetal calf serum, 0.2  
mM glutamine, 0.6% (w/v) D-glucose, 0.19% (w/v) NaHCO<sub>3</sub>,  
penicillin (100 U ml<sup>-1</sup>), streptomycin (100 µg ml<sup>-1</sup>) and  
20 nerve growth factor (mouse submaxillary gland 50 ng ml<sup>-1</sup>).  
Cells were maintained at 37°C in an atmosphere of  
95% O<sub>2</sub>:5% CO<sub>2</sub> and are used between 6 hours and 10 days  
in culture.

Inhibition of the afterhyperpolarisation (AHP) of  
cultured sympathetic neurones

Recording the AHP which follows the action potential in  
5 sympathetic neurones provides a indirect relatively  
simple and convenient means of testing compounds for  
their ability to block neuronal SK<sub>Ca</sub> channels.

A culture dish was perfused with a solution (hereafter  
10 referred to as normal physiological solution) of the  
following composition (mM): NaCl 154; KCl 4.7; CaCl<sub>2</sub>  
2.5; MgCl<sub>2</sub> 1.2; glucose 5.6; HEPES 10 (HEPES is N-(2-  
hydroxyethyl) piperazine-N'-(2-ethane sulfonic acid);  
adjusted to pH 7.4 with NaOH. Intracellular recordings  
15 were made using conventional 'sharp' micro-electrodes  
filled with 1 M KCl (resistance 80-120 MΩ) connected to  
the headstage of a Neurolog NL102 amplifier. Action  
potentials were evoked by injection of a 30 ms  
depolarizing current pulse every 5 s. The test  
20 compounds as synthesised in the example above were  
applied by bath perfusion for long enough (1-3 min) to  
cause a steady reduction in the AHP. The extent of the  
inhibition is expressed as a percentage.

25 The results are then summarised as an IC<sub>50</sub> value, i.e.  
the concentration of compound required to produce an

inhibition of 50%; this is determined by iterative curve fitting and has an associated standard deviation (s.d.).

5 Dequalinium has previously shown to be a potent and selective inhibitor of the AHP in sympathetic neurones, with an  $IC_{50}$  of 1  $\mu M$  [Dunn, P.M (1994. Dequalinium, a selective blocker of the slow afterhyperpolarization in  
10 rat sympathetic neurones in culture. European Journal of Pharmacology, 252, 189-194]. In the present study it was slightly more effective with an average  $IC_{50}$  of  $0.60 \pm 0.05 \mu M$  (fitted value  $\pm$  s.d. data from 17 cells), and dequalinium was used in each test as an internal standard. Compound A was found to be  
15 considerably more active than dequalinium with an  $IC_{50}$  of  $0.08 \pm 0.02 \mu M$  (fitted value  $\pm$  s.d. data from 12 cells). Gallamine is over 100 times less potent than dequalinium, with an  $IC_{50}$  of  $68.0 \pm 8.4 \mu M$  (fitted value  $\pm$  s.d. data from 5 cells).

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The results of the tests are shown in Table 2 below. In this table, the biological activity of each compound is expressed as an  $IC_{50}$  ( $\mu M$ ) These values were determined by iterative curve fitting and are given  
25 with the approximate standard deviation of the fitted value. The use of dequalinium as a reference compound

provides a means of standardising assays carried out at different times, and with preparations of varying sensitivity. This measure of potency is used when relating the biological activity of the new compounds to their chemical structure. A number of compounds show a higher potency than Compound A.

Table 2

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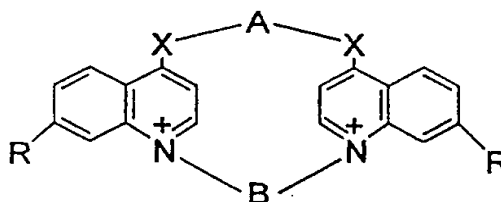
Compound	IC <sub>50</sub> ( $\mu$ M)	s.d.
1	0.166	0.03
2	0.11	0.005
3	0.092	0.05
4	0.18	0.04
5	0.15	0.01
6	0.21	0.02
7	0.43	0.07
8	0.13	0.01
9	0.07	0.01
10	0.003	0.0003
11	0.06	0.004
12	0.1	0.01
13	0.025	0.008
14	0.028	0.003
15	0.26	0.04
16	0.15	0.03
17	0.25	0.1
18	0.38	0.05
19	0.28	0.01
20	0.12	0.05
21	0.19	0.02
22	0.26	0.005
23	0.06	0.006
24	0.002	0.0005
25	0.015	0.003
26	0.016	0.004
27	0.04	0.005
28	0.009	0.004
29	0.03	0.006
30	0.13	0.06
31	0.38	0.001
32	0.63	0.02
33	0.06	0.003
34	0.15	0.02
35	0.065	0.009
36	0.15	0.06
37	0.035	0.007

38	0.031	0.001
39	0.01	0.001
41	0.012	0.002

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Compounds of the invention 42 to 57 made as described below have the structures given by the following structural formula V and Table 3:-

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Table 3

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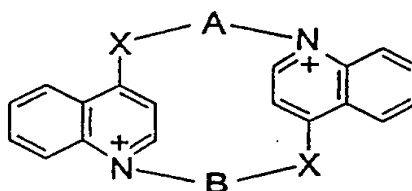
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Compound	R	A	B	X
42	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	NH
43	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	NH
44	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	NH
45	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	NH
46	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	NH
47	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	NH
48	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	NH
49	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	NH
50	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	N-CH <sub>3</sub>
51	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	N-benzyl
52	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	S
53	CF <sub>3</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	NH
54	Cl	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	NH
55	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	CH=C=CHCH <sub>2</sub>	NH
56	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	—CH <sub>2</sub> —  —CH <sub>2</sub> —	NH
57	H	CH <sub>2</sub> C≡CCH <sub>2</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	NH

Compounds of the invention 58 to 62 also described below have the structures given by the following structural formula VI and Table 4:-

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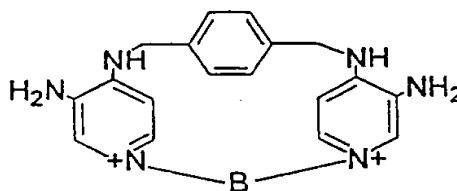
Table 4

Compound	A	B	X
58	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	NH
59	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	NH
60	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	N-CH <sub>3</sub>
61	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	N-benzyl
62	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	N-benzyl

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Compounds of the invention 63 and 64 described below have the structures given by the following structural formula VII:

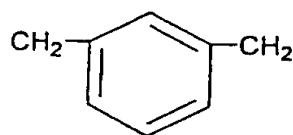
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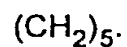
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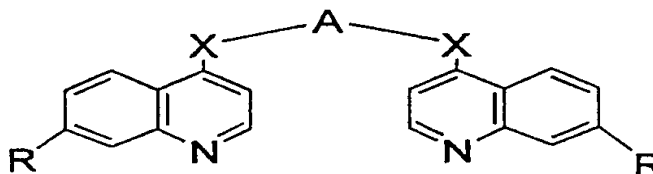
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in Compound 64 B is



Intermediates VII to XII have the structural formula:

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wherein A, R and X are given in Table 5

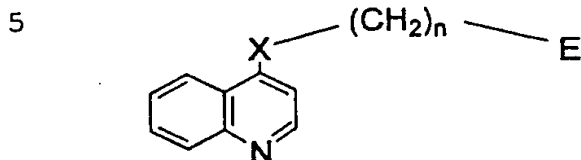
15 Table 5

Intermediates	R	A	X
VII	H	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2$	NH
VIII	H	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2$	NH
IX	H	$(\text{CH}_2)_5$	N-CH <sub>3</sub>
X	H	$(\text{CH}_2)_5$	N-benzyl
XI	H	$(\text{CH}_2)_5$	S
XII	CF <sub>3</sub>	$(\text{CH}_2)_5$	NH

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Intermediates XIII, XIV, XVIII, XIX, XX have the structural formula:



wherein E, n and X are given in Table 6

10 Table 6

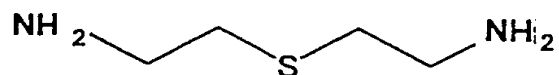
Intermediates	E	n	X
XIII	I	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	NH
XIV	I	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	NH
XVIII	I	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	N-CH <sub>3</sub>
XIX	I	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	N-benzyl
XX	I	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	N-benzyl

Next, we describe the preparation of some starting materials and of Intermediates VII to XVII which were themselves used in the synthesis of Compounds 42 to 62 of the invention.

The following known compounds were prepared as starting materials by the method given in respective reference given for each

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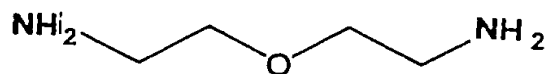
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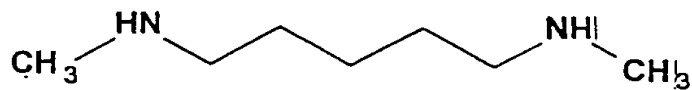


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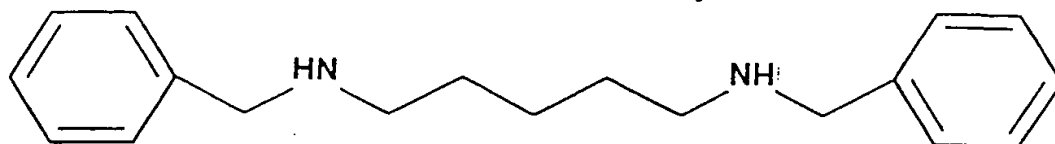
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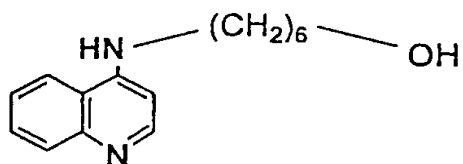


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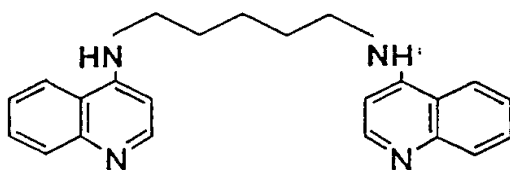
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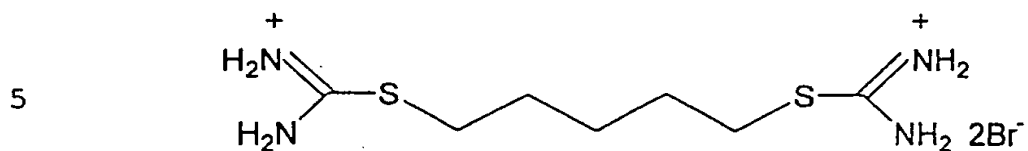


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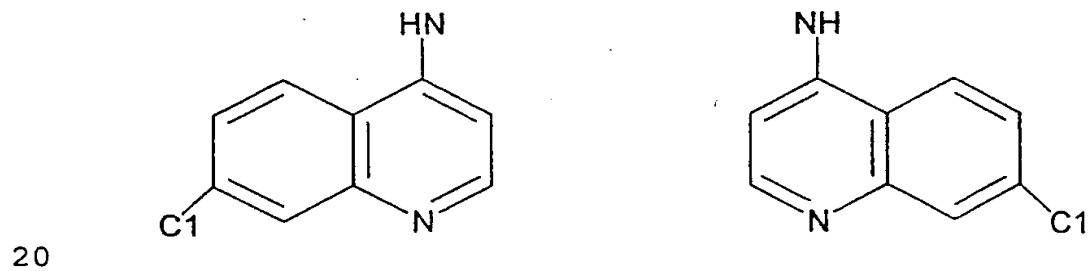


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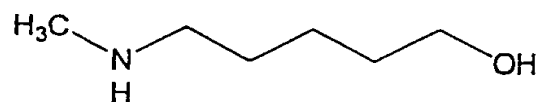
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N,N'-Bis(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)pentane-1,5-diamine

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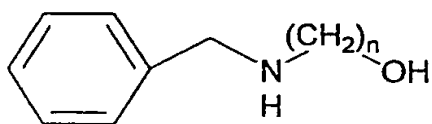
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5-benzylaminopentan-1-ol

6-benzylaminohexan-1-ol

Intermediate VII

Bis[2-(4-quinolinyl)aminoethyl] sulfide,

A mixture of bis(2-aminoethyl) sulfide (starting material A) (2.2 g, 18 mmol) and 4-chloroquinoline (5.9 g, 36 mmol) in pentanol (100 ml) was heated at reflux for 10 h, the cooled and the precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with diethyl ether. The filtration cake was dissolved in hot methanol, basified with 1N NaOH solution to pH > 9. After cooling, the precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and acetone to give an off-white solid, mp: 148°C.

Analysis for  $C_{22}H_{22}N_4S \cdot 0.3 H_2O$ :

Calculated: C, 69.55; H, 6.00; N, 14.75%.

Found: C, 69.61; H, 6.07; N, 14.68%.

Intermediate VIII

Bis[2-(4-quinolinyl)aminoethyl] ether:

A mixture of bis-(2-aminoethyl) ether (starting material B) (1.37 g, 13 mmol) and 4-chloroquinoline (4.3 g, 26 mmol) in pentanol (100 ml) was heated at reflux for 10 h. After cooling, the precipitate was collected by filtration. It was then shaken with 1N NaOH aqueous solution and dichloromethane. The organic phase was dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and evaporated in vacuum to

dryness. The residue was crystallised from ethyl acetate to give an off white solid, mp: 182°C.

5     Intermediate IX

N,N'-Bis(4-quinolinyl)-N,N'-dimethylpentane-1,5-diamine:

A mixture of N,N'-dimethyl-pentane-1,5-diamine (starting material C) (1.0 g, 7 mmol) and 4-chloroquinoline (2.52 g, 15 mmol) in pentanol (20 ml) was heated at reflux for 24 h. After cooling, diethyl ether was added and the precipitate was collected by filtration. The obtained filtration cake was dissolved in hot methanol, basified with 1N NaOH solution to pH > 9. A precipitate was formed and it was collected by filtration, washed with water and acetone to give an off-white solid.

20    Intermediate X

N,N'-Bis(4-quinolinyl)-N,N'-dibenzylpentane-1,5-diamine:

To a mixture of 4-hydroxyquinoline (1.9 g, 13 mmol) and pyridine (1.0 g, 13 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 ml) was added dropwise trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature

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for 30 min. The precipitate was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuum. The obtained residue (1.7 g, 6.1 mmol) and N,N'-dibenzyl-pentane-1,5-diamine (starting material D) (0.8 g, 2.8 mmol) were  
5 dissolved in 2-methoxyethyl ether (20 ml) and was heated at 100 °C for 5 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was purified by chromatography over a silica gel column using a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH/NH<sub>4</sub>OH (20/1/0.1) as eluant to give a pale yellow product.

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#### Intermediate XI

##### 1,5-Bis(quinolin-4-ylthio)-pentane:

A mixture of S,S'-(pentan-1,5-yl)-diisothiuronium  
15 dibromide (starting material G) (1.32 g, 3.45 mmol), 4-chloroquinoline (1.13 g, 6.9 mmol) and KOH (0.8 g, 14.0 mmol) in absolute EtOH was heated at reflux for 3 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was dispersed in water, extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined  
20 extracts were dried over K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. Evaporation of the solvents gave a off-white solid, mp: 107 °C.

#### Intermediate XII

25 N,N'-Bis(7-trifluoroquinolin-4-yl)pentane-1,5-diamine:  
A mixture of 1,5-diaminopentane (0.51 g, 5 mmol) and 4-



chloro-7-trifluoroquinoline (2.32 g, 10 mmol) in phenol (5 g) was heated at 150 °C for 3 h, then cooled and the product was precipitated by diethyl ether. The precipitate was collected by filtration. It was then  
5 dissolved in hot methanol, basified with 1N NaOH solution to pH > 9. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and acetone to give an off-white solid, mp: 290°C.

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Intermediate XIII

## 5-Iodo-N-(4-quinolinyl)-pentylamine:

A mixture of 5-(4-quinolinyl)aminopentan-1-ol (0.4 g, 1.7 mmol) and HI (6 ml, 57%) was heated at reflux for 2  
15 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted by water and the aqueous layer was decanted and rejected. The residue was shaken with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. The organic phase was washed with Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated in vacuum to give a  
20 white solid.

Intermediate XIV

## 6-Iodo-N-(4-quinolinyl)-hexylamine:

25 A mixture of 6-(4-quinolinyl)aminohexan-1-ol (starting material E) (1.3 g, 5.3 mmol) and HI (2 ml, 57%) was

heated at reflux for 2 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with water and the aqueous layer was decanted and rejected. The residue was shaken with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and aqueous  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ . The organic phase was washed  
5 with water, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and evaporated in vacuum to give a white solid.

#### Intermediate XV

10 N-Methyl-N-(4-quinolinyl)-5-aminopentan-1-ol;  
A mixture of 5-methylaminopentan-1-ol (starting material I) (0.9 g, 7.7 mmol) and 4-chloroquinoline (1.0 g, 6.1 mmol) was stirred at 150°C for 4 h. After cooling, the residue was shaken with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and aqueous  
15  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ . The organic layer was dried and evaporated to give the product as a gummy residue.

#### Intermediate XVI

20 N-Benzyl-N-(4-quinolinyl)-5-aminopentan-1-ol;  
A mixture of 5-benzylaminopentan-1-ol (starting material J) (1.7 g, 8.8 mmol) and 4-chloroquinoline (1.0 g, 6.1 mmol) was stirred at 150°C for 4 h. Work-up as described for the preparation of intermediate XV  
25 gave intermediate XVI as gummy residue.

Intermediate XVII

N-Benzyl-N-(4-quinolinyl)-6-aminohexan-1-ol;

A mixture of 5-benzylaminohexan-1-ol (starting material J) (1.26 g, 6.1 mmol) and 4-chloroquinoline (1.0 g, 6.1 mmol) was heated at 150°C for 3 h. Work-up as described for the preparation of intermediate XV gave intermediate XVI as a gummy residue.

10 Intermediate XVIII

5-Iodo-N-methyl-N-(4-quinolinyl)-pentylamine:

To a stirred solution of triphenylphosphine (1.57 g, 6.0 mmol) in toluene (50 ml) was added dropwise a solution of iodine (1.52 g, 6.0 mmol) in toluene (50 ml) at room temperature, then a solution of N-methyl-N-(4-quinolinyl)-5-aminopentan-1-ol (intermediate XV) and triethylamine (0.61 g, 6.0 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The precipitate was filtered off and the filtrate was chromatographed on a column of silica gel using diethyl ether as eluant. Evaporation of solvents afforded intermediate XVIII as a pale yellow gummy residue.

25 Intermediate XIX

5-Iodo-N-benzyl-N-(4-quinolinyl)-pentylamine:

This was prepared by the same procedure as that described for the preparation of intermediate XVIII, using intermediate XVI.

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Intermediate XX

6-Iodo-N-benzyl-N-(4-quinolinyl)-hexylamine:

This was prepared by the same procedure as that described for the preparation of intermediate XVIII, using intermediate XVIII.

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In the following syntheses, where preparative high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was used, it was carried out with a Gilson apparatus using a UV detector and a Kromasil C18 5  $\mu$ m column. Solvent mixtures of water + 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and methanol + 0.1% TFA were used with a flow 18 ml/min. In many cases, some excess TFA and H<sub>2</sub>O were retained in the salts after HPLC.

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Compound 42

8,14-Diaza-1,7(1,4)-diquinolina-4-oxa-11-thiacyclo-tetradecaphanium dibromide sesquihydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-[1,5-(3-oxapentan)-diyl]-N,N'-[1,5-(3-

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thiopentane)-diyl]-bis(4-aminoquinolinium) dibromide  
sesquihydrate:

Bis[2-(4-quinolinyl)aminoethyl] sulfide (Intermediate  
VII) (0.75 g, 2.0 mmol) was dissolved in dimethyl  
5 formamide (150 ml) at room temperature and bis(2-  
bromoethyl) ether (0.46 g, 2.0 mmol) added. The mixture  
was heated at reflux for 48 h. The solvent was then  
evaporated in vacuum. The residue was crystallised from  
methanol to give an off-white solid, mp: 307°C dec.

10 Analysis for  $C_{26}H_{30}Br_2N_4OS$ , 1.5  $H_2O$ :  
Calculated: C, 49.30; H, 5.25; N, 8.84%.  
Found: C, 49.23; H, 5.53; N, 8.84%.

15 Compound 43

8,14-Diaza-4,11-dioxa-1,7(1,4)-diquinolinacyclo-  
tetradecaphanium dibromide dihydrate. Alternatively  
named: N,N'-[1,5-(3-oxapentane)-diyl]-1,1'-[1,5-(3-  
oxapentane)-diyl]-bis(4-aminoquinolinium) dibromide  
20 dihydrate

Bis[2-(4-quinolinyl)aminoethyl] ether (Intermediate  
VIII) (0.36 g, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in dimethyl  
formamide (150 ml) at room temperature and bis(2-  
bromoethyl) ether (0.23 g, 1.0 mmol) added. The mixture

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was heated at reflux for 60 h. The solvent was then evaporated in vacuum. The residue was crystallised from methanol to give an off-white solid, mp: 324°C.

Analysis for  $C_{26}H_{30}Br_2N_4O_2 \cdot 2 H_2O$ :

5     Calculated: C, 49.86; H, 5.47; N, 8.94%.

Found: C, 50.17; H, 5.31; N, 8.99%.

Compound 44

10     8,14-Diaza-11-oxa-1,7(1,4)-diquinolinacyclotetradecaphanium diiodide. Alternatively named: N,N'-[1,5-(3-oxapentan)-diyl]-1,1'-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-bis(4-aminoquinolinium) diiodide

Bis[2-(4-quinolinyl)aminoethyl] ether (Intermediate VIII) (0.36 g, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in dimethyl formamide (150 ml) at room temperature and 1,5-diiodopentane (0.32 g, 1.0 mmol) added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 96 h. The solvent was then evaporated in vacuum. The residue was crystallised from methanol and recrystallised from dimethyl formamide to give a white solid, mp: 311°C.

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Analysis for  $C_{27}H_{32}I_2N_4O$ , 0.4 HI:

Calculated: C, 44.21; H, 4.45; N, 7.64%.

Found: C, 44.39; H, 4.52; N, 7.56%.

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Compound 45

8,14-Diaza-11-oxa-1,7(1,4)-diquinolina-4-thiacyclotetra-decaphanium di-trifluoroacetate.

Alternatively named: N,N'-[1,5-(3-oxapentan)-diyl]-

5 1,1'-[1,5-(3-thiopentan)-diyl]-bis(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate:

Bis[2-(4-quinolinyl)aminoethyl] ether (Intermediate VIII) (0.36 g, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in dimethyl formamide (150 ml) with heating and bis(2-bromoethyl) sulfide (0.25 g, 1.0 mmol) added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 4 days and then the solvent was evaporated in vacuum. The residue was purified by preparative HPLC to give a pale yellow solid, mp: 225°C dec.

15 Analysis for  $C_{26}H_{30}N_4OS^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 0.5  $CF_3CO_2H$ :

Calculated: C, 51.03; H, 4.21; N, 7.68%.

Found: C, 51.01; H, 4.23; N, 7.97%.

20 Compound 46

8,14-Diaza-4-oxa-1,7(1,4)-diquinolinacyclotetradecaphanium dibromide dihydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-[1,5-(3-oxapentan)-diyl]-N,N'-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) dibromide dihydrate

25 N,N'-Bis(4-quinolinyl)pentane-1,5-diamine (starting material F) (0.36 g, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in dimethyl

formamide (150 ml) at room temperature and bis(2-bromoethyl) ether (0.23 g, 1.0 mmol) added. The mixture was heated to 100°C for 48 h then to reflux for 72 h.

The solvent was evaporated in vacuum. The residue was  
5 crystallised from iso-propanol then recrystallised from methanol to give an off-white solid, mp: 305°C dec.

Analysis for  $C_{27}H_{32}Br_2N_4O \cdot 2 H_2O$ :

Calculated: C, 51.94; H, 5.81; N, 8.97%.

Found: C, 51.98; H, 5.71; N, 9.02%.

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#### Compound 47

8,14-Diaza-1,7(1,4)-diquinolina-11-thiacyclotetradecaphanium diiodide. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(1,5-  
15 pentan-diyl)-N,N'-[1,5-(3-thiapentane)-diyl]-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) diiodide

Bis[2-(4-quinolinyl)aminoethyl] sulfide (Intermediate VII) (0.37 g, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in 4-methyl-2-pentanol (150 ml) with heating and 1,5-diiodopentane  
20 (0.32 g, 1.0 mmol) added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 7 days, then cooled and the precipitate was collected by filtration. Repeated crystallisation from dimethyl formamide/methanol gave a white solid, mp: 290 °C dec.

25 Analysis for  $C_{27}H_{32}I_2N_4S \cdot 0.2 HI$ :

Calculated: C, 51.03; H, 4.21; N, 7.68%.



Found: C, 51.01; H, 4.23; N, 7.97%.

Compound 48

- 5     8,14-Diaza-1,7(1,4)-diquinolina-4-thiacyclotetradecaphanium di-trifluoroacetate hemihydrate. Alternatively named: N,N'-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-1,1'-[1,5-(3-thiapentan)-diyl]-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate hemihydrate
- 10    N,N'-Bis(4-quinolinyl)pentane-1,5-diamine (starting material F) (0.50 g, 1.4 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 2-butanone (100 ml) and dimethyl formamide (30 ml) with heating and bis(2-bromoethyl) sulfide (0.35 g, 1.4 mmol) added. The mixture was heated at
- 15    reflux for 6 days, then cooled and the precipitate was collected by filtration. The crude product was purified by preparative HPLC to give a pale yellow solid, mp: 203°C dec.
- Analysis for  $C_{27}H_{32}N_4S^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^- \cdot 0.5 H_2O \cdot 0.5 CF_3CO_2H$ :
- 20    Calculated: C, 52.17; H, 4.58; N, 7.61%.  
Found: C, 52.03; H, 4.94; N, 7.93%.

Compound 49

- 25    8,14-Diaza-1,7(1,4)-diquinolina-4,11-dithiacyclotetradecaphanium di-trifluoroacetate. Alternatively

named: N,N'-[1,5-(3-thiapentan)-diyl]-1,1'-[1,5-(3-thiapentan)-diyl]-bis-(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate

Bis[2-(4-quinolinyl)aminoethyl] sulfide (Intermediate VII) (0.74 g, 2.0 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 2-butanone (100 ml) and dimethyl formamide (30 ml) with heating and bis(2-bromoethyl) sulfide (0.50 g, 2.0 mmol) added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 5 days and a precipitate was formed. After cooling, the precipitate was collected by filtration and purified by preparative HPLC to give a pale yellow solid, mp: 212°C dec.

Analysis for  $C_{26}H_{30}N_4S_2^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 0.5  $CF_3CO_2H$ :

Calculated: C, 49.93; H, 4.12; N, 7.51%.

Found: C, 49.28; H, 4.31; N, 7.86%.

#### Compound 50

8,14-Diaza-8,14-dimethyl-1,7(1,4)-diquinolinacyclopentadecaphanium di-trifluoroacetate trihydrate.

Alternatively named: N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-(1,5-pentandiyl)-1,1'-(1,5-pentandiyl)-bis(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate trihydrate

N,N'-Bis(4-quinolinyl)-N,N'-dimethyl-pentane-1,5-diamine, (Intermediate IX) (1.7 g, 4.3 mmol) was dissolved in 2-butanone (200 ml) and 1,5-diiodopentane

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(1.4 g, 4.3 mmol) added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 7 days. It was cooled and the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and purified by preparative HPLC to give a pale yellow solid, mp:

5 125°C.

Analysis for  $C_{30}H_{38}N_4^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 0.8  $CF_3CO_2H$ , 3 $H_2O$ :

Calculated: C, 51.77; H, 5.47; N, 6.78%.

Found: C, 51.87; H, 5.17; N, 6.71%.

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Compound 51

8,14-Diaza-8,14-dibenzyl-1,7(1,4)-diquinolinacyclo-tetradecaphanium di-trifluoroacetate monohydrate.

Alternatively named: N,N'-dibenzyl-N,N'-(1,5-pentan-  
15 diyl)-1,1'-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-bis(4-aminoquinolinium)  
di-trifluoroacetate monohydrate

N,N'-Bis(4-quinolinyl)-N,N'-dibenzylpentane-1,5-diamine  
(Intermediate X) (0.6 g, 1.1 mmol) was dissolved in 2-  
butanone (100 ml) and 1,5-diiodopentane (0.50 g, 1.5  
20 mmol) added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 48 h.  
After removing half of the solvent, the mixture was  
heated at reflux for a further 24 h. It was cooled, the  
resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and  
purified by preparative HPLC to give a pale yellow  
25 solid, mp: 110°C.

Analysis for  $C_{42}H_{46}N_4^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 1.8  $CF_3CO_2H$ , 1 $H_2O$ :

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Calculated: C, 56.41; H, 4.75; N, 5.30%.

Found: C, 56.46; H, 4.86; N, 5.40%.

5     Compound 52

1,7(1,4)-Diquinolina-8,14-dithiacyclotetradecaphanium  
di-trifluoroacetate. Alternatively named: S,S'-(1,5-  
pentan-diyl)-1,1'-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-bis(4-  
thioquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate

10    S,S'-(1,5-Pentan-diyl)-bis(4-thiaquinoline)  
(Intermediate XI) (0.7 g, 1.8 mmol) was dissolved in 2-  
butanone (80 ml) and 1,5-diiodopentane (0.87 g, 2.6  
mmol) added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 4  
days. It was cooled and the resulting precipitate was  
15    collected by filtration and purified by preparative  
HPLC to give a pale yellow solid, mp: 182°C.  
Analysis for  $C_{28}H_{32}N_2S_2^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 0.3  $CF_3CO_2H$ :  
Calculated: C, 54.31; H, 4.52; N, 3.89%.  
Found: C, 54.25; H, 4.61; N, 3.85%.

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Compound 53

8,14-Diaza-1<sup>7</sup>,7<sup>7</sup>-ditrifluoromethyl-1,7(1,4)-  
diquinolinalacyclotetradecaphanium di-trifluoroacetate.

25    Alternatively named: N,N'-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-1,1'-(1,5-  
pentan-diyl)-bis(4-amino-7-trifluoromethylquinolinium)

di-trifluoroacetate

N,N'-Bis(7-trifluoromethylquinolin-4-yl)pentane-1,5-diamine, (Intermediate XII) (0.49 g, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in 2-butanone (100 ml) and 1,5-diiodopentane (0.49 g, 1.5 mmol) added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 3 days. It was cooled, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and purified by preparative HPLC to give a pale yellow solid, mp: 234°C.

10 Analysis for  $C_{30}H_{32}N_4^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 0.2  $CF_3CO_2H$ :  
Calculated: C, 50.92; H, 4.00; N, 6.9%.  
Found: C, 51.08; H, 3.84; N, 6.66%.

15 Compound 54

8,14-Diaza-1<sup>7</sup>,7<sup>7</sup>-dichloro-1,7(1,4)-diquinolinacyclopentadecaphanium di-trifluoroacetate sesquihydrate. Alternatively named: N,N'-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-1,1'-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-bis(4-amino-7-chloroquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate sesquihydrate

20 N,N'-Bis(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)pentane-1,5-diamine (starting material H) (0.43 g, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in dimethyl formamide (80 ml) and 1,5-diiodopentane (0.49 g, 1.5 mmol) added. The mixture was heated at 100 °C for 48 h. It was cooled, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and purified by preparative

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HPLC to give a pale yellow solid, mp: 232°C (dec).

Analysis for  $C_{28}H_{32}Cl_2N_4^{2+}2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 0.9  $CF_3CO_2H$ , 1.5  $H_2O$ :

Calculated: C, 47.70; H, 4.25; N, 6.58%.

Found: C, 47.76; H, 4.23; N, 6.66%.

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Compound 55

7,13-Diaza-2,3-diene-1,6(1,4)-diquinolinacyclotrideca-  
phanium di-trifluoroacetate. Alternatively named: N,N'-  
10 (butan-1,2-diene-1,4-diyl)-1,1'-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-  
bis(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate

N,N'-Bis(4-quinolinyl)pentane-1,5-diamine (starting  
material F) (0.35 g, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in 2-  
butanone (100 ml) and 1,4-dichloro-2-butyne (0.12 g,

15 1.0 mmol) added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 5  
days. It was cooled, the resulting precipitate was  
collected by filtration and purified by preparative  
HPLC to give a pale yellow solid, mp: 150°C (dec).

Analysis for  $C_{27}H_{28}N_4^{2+}2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 0.6  $CF_3CO_2H$ :

20 Calculated: C, 55.02; H, 4.1; N, 7.97%.

Found: C, 55.14; H, 4.35; N, 7.83%.

Compound 56

25 6,12-Diaza-3(1,4)-benza-1,5(1,4)-di-  
quinolinacyclododeca-phanium di-trifluoroacetate hemi-

hydrate. Alternatively named: 1,1'-(*p*-xylylene)-*N,N'*-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-bis(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate hemihydrate

*N,N'*-Bis(4-quinolinyl)pentane-1,5-diamine (starting material F) (0.43 g, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 2-butanone (50 ml) and dimethyl formamide (10 ml) and  $\alpha,\alpha'$ -dibromo-*p*-xylene (0.4 g, 1.5 mmol) added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 3 days. It was cooled, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and purified by preparative HPLC to give a white solid, mp: 220°C (dec).

Analysis for  $C_{31}H_{32}Cl_2N_4^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 1.0  $CF_3CO_2H$ , 0.5  $H_2O$ : Calculated: C, 54.89; H, 4.23; N, 6.92%.

Found: C, 54.60; H, 4.21; N, 6.92%.

#### Compound 57

8,13-Diaza-1,7(1,4)-diquinoline-10-ynecyclotridecaphanium di-trifluoroacetate.

Alternatively named: 1,1'-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-*N,N'*-(but-2-yne-1,4-diyl)-bis(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate:

To a mixture of 4-hydroxyquinoline (2.0 g, 13.8 mmol) and pyridine (1.1 g, 14.0 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  was added dropwise a solution of trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride at 0°C. After addition, the reaction mixture

was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The precipitate produced was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuum to give a pale yellow oil. It was dissolved in 20 ml of 2-methoxyethyl ether and  
5 but-2-yne-1,4-diamine (Johnson: J. Chem. Soc. 1946; 1012) (0.25 g, 3.0 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 100°C for 24 h. After cooling the precipitate generated was collected by filtration, washed with acetone to give a solid, mp : 210°C. This  
10 solid is N,N'-Bis(4-quinolinyl)-but-2-yne-1,4-diamine.

N,N'-Bis(4-quinolinyl)-but-2-yne-1,4-diamine (0.28 g, 0.83 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 2-butanone (50 ml) and dimethyl formamide (10 ml) with heating and  
15 1,5-diiodopentane (0.28 g, 0.86 mmol) added. The mixture was heated at reflux for 5 days. After cooling, the precipitate produced was collected by filtration and purified by preparative HPLC to give a white solid, mp: 226°C dec.  
20 Analysis for  $C_{27}H_{28}N_4^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 0.16  $CF_3CO_2H$ :  
Calculated: C, 57.62; H, 4.35; N, 8.58%.  
Found: C, 57.56; H, 4.33; N, 8.60%.

#### Compound 58

25 8,16-Diaza-1(1,4),9(4,1)-  
diquinolinacyclohexadecaphanium di-trifluoroacetate



dihydrate. Alternatively named: 1,N'-(1,6-hexan-diyl)-N,1'-(1,6-hexan-diyl)-bis(4-amino quinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate dihydrate

6-Iodo-N-(4-quinolinyl)-hexylamine (Intermediate XIV)

5 (1.7 g, 4.8 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 2-butanone (90 ml) and dimethyl formamide (30 ml). The mixture was heated at reflux for 5 days, then cooled and the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and purified by preparative HPLC to give a  
10 pale yellow solid, mp: 203°C dec.

Analysis for  $C_{30}H_{38}N_4^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 0.5  $CF_3CO_2H$ , 2  $H_2O$ :

Calculated: C, 54.33; H, 5.54; N, 7.24%.

Found: C, 54.17; H, 5.55; N, 7.31%.

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Compound 59

7,14-Diaza-1(1,4),8(4,1)-

diquinolinacyclotetradecaphanium di-trifluoroacetate

dihydrate. Alternatively named: 1,N'-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-

20 N,1'-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-bis(4-amino-quinolinium) di-trifluoroacetate dihydrate

5-Iodo-N-(4-quinolinyl)-pentylamine (Intermediate XIII)

(0.52 g, 1.5 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 2-

butanone (40 ml) and dimethyl formamide (3 ml). The

25 mixture was heated at reflux for 4 days, then cooled and the resulting precipitate was collected by

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filtration and purified by preparative HPLC to give a pale yellow solid, mp: 209°C dec.

Analysis for  $C_{28}H_{34}N_4^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 0.4  $CF_3CO_2H$ , 2  $H_2O$ :

Calculated: C, 56.42; H, 4.97; N, 8.02%.

5 Found: C, 56.24; H, 4.93; N, 8.00%.

Compound 60

7,14-Diaza-7,14-dimethyl-1(1,4),8(4,1)-

10 diquinolinacyclo-tetradecaphanium di-trifluoroacetate.

Alternatively named: N,N'-dimethyl-1,N'-(1,5-pentandiyl)-N,1'-(1,5-pentandiyl)-bis(4-aminoquinolinium) di-trifluoro-acetate

5-Iodo-N-Methyl-N-(4-quinolinyl)-pentylamine

15 Intermediate XVIII) (0.8 g, 2.3 mmol) was dissolved in 2-butanone (80 ml). The solution was heated at reflux for 4 days, then cooled and the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and purified by preparative HPLC to give a pale yellow solid, mp: 205°C dec.

20 Analysis for  $C_{30}H_{38}N_4^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 0.8  $CF_3CO_2H$ :

Calculated: C, 55.39; H, 5.07; N, 7.26%.

Found: C, 55.38; H, 5.24; N, 7.37%.

25 Compound 61

7,14-Diaza-7,14-dibenzyl-1(1,4),8(4,1)-

diquinolinacyclo-tetradecaphanium di-trifluoroacetate.  
Alternatively named: N,N'-dibenzyl-1,N'-(1,5-pentan-  
diyl)-N,1'-(1,5-pentan-diyl)-bis(4-aminoquinolinium)  
di-trifluoroacetate

- 5 5-Iodo-N-benzyl-N-(4-quinolinyl)-pentylamine  
(Intermediate XIX) (0.5 g, 1.2 mmol) was dissolved in  
2-butanone (80 ml). The solution was heated at reflux  
for 3 days, then cooled and the resulting precipitate  
was collected by filtration and purified by preparative  
10 HPLC to give a pale yellow solid, mp: 145°C.  
Analysis for  $C_{42}H_{46}N_4^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 2  $CF_3CO_2H$ :  
Calculated: C, 56.78; H, 4.60; N, 5.35%.  
Found: C, 56.61; H, 4.56; N, 5.28%.

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Compound 62

- 8,16-Diaza-8,16-dibenzyl-1(1,4),9(4,1)-  
diquinolinacyclo-hexadecaphanium di-trifluoroacetate.  
Alternatively named: N,N'-dibenzyl-1,N'-(1,6-hexan-  
20 diyl)-N,1'-(1,6-hexan-diyl)-bis(4-aminoquinolinium) di-  
trifluoroacetate  
6-Iodo-N-benzyl-N-(4-quinolinyl)-hexylamine  
(Intermediate XX) (1.5 g, 3.4 mmol) was dissolved in 2-  
butanone (90 ml). The solution was heated at reflux for  
25 5 days, then cooled and the resulting precipitate was  
collected by filtration and purified by preparative

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HPLC to give a pale yellow solid, mp: 175°C dec.

Analysis for  $C_{44}H_{50}N_4^{2+} \cdot 2CF_3CO_2^-$ , 1.3  $CF_3CO_2H$ :

Calculated: C, 60.22; H, 5.17; N, 5.55%.

Found: C, 60.10; H, 5.14; N, 5.47%.

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Compound 63

1<sup>3</sup>,5<sup>3</sup>-Diamino-6,10-diaza-3(1,3), 8(1,4)-dibenza-  
1,5(1,4)-dipyridinacyclodecaphanium dibromide.

- 10 Alternatively named: 1,1'-(*m*-xylylene)-N<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>4</sub>'-(*p*-  
xylylene)-bis(3,4-diaminopyridinium) dibromide  
N,N'-Bis(3-aminopyridin-4-yl)-xylene- $\alpha,\alpha'$ -diamine (0.12  
g, 0.38 mmol) and  $\alpha,\alpha'$ -dibromo-*m*-xylene (0.10 g, 0.38  
mmol) was dissolved with heating in pentan-1-ol (65  
15 ml). The solution was heated at reflux for 6 days with  
stirring. During the course of the reaction a creamy  
precipitate was formed. After cooling, the solid was  
collected by vacuum filtration. The brown solid was  
washed with methanol and dried in vacuo (100 °C) and a  
20 hygroscopic beige solid was obtained, mp: 355°C.  
Analysis for  $C_{26}H_{28}N_6^{2+} \cdot 2Br^-$ , 0.3  $C_5H_{11}OH$ , 0.5  $H_2O$ :  
Calculated: C, 53.29; H, 5.30; N, 13.56%.  
Found: C, 53.19; H, 5.00; N, 13.19%.

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Compound 64

1<sup>3</sup>,7<sup>3</sup>-Diamino-2,6-diaza-4(1,4)-benza-1,7(4,1)-  
dipyridina-cyclododecaphanium diiodide methanolate.

Alternatively named: 1,1'-(pentan-1,5-diyl)-N<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>4</sub>'-(p-  
xylylene)-bis(3,4-diaminopyridinium) diiodide  
methanolate

N,N'-Bis(3-aminopyridin-4-yl)-xylene- $\alpha,\alpha'$ -diamine (0.15  
g, 0.47 mmol) and 1,5-diiodopentane (0.15 g, 0.47 mmol)  
was dissolved with heating in pentan-1-ol (60 ml). The  
solution was heated at reflux for 6 days with stirring.  
During the course of the reaction a brown precipitate  
was formed. After cooling, the solid was collected by  
vacuum filtration. The brown solid was washed with  
methanol and dried in vacuo (100 °C) to yield a beige  
solid, mp: 290 °C.

Analysis for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup>2I<sup>-</sup>, 1.0 CH<sub>3</sub>OH, 0.4 H<sub>2</sub>O:

Calculated: C, 42.17; H, 5.13; N, 12.24%.

Found: C, 41.86; H, 4.80; N, 12.06%.

The biological potency of some of these compounds was  
assessed by their ability to reduce the amplitude of  
the after-hyperpolarization (AHP) recorded from rat  
superior cervical ganglion cells in short term tissue  
culture, using the technique described in detail above.  
The results are in Table 7

Table 7

	Compound	IC <sub>50</sub> (μm)	s.d.
5	42	0.058	0.004
	43	0.017	0.002
	44	0.016	0.004
	45	0.038	0.006
	46	0.0048	0.0004
	47	0.018	0.025
10	48	0.0041	0.00045
	49	0.042	0.009
	50	0.124	0.016
	51	0.15	0.025
	52	0.16	0.04
15	53	0.01	0.001
	54	0.0031	0.0003
	58	0.076	0.013
	59	0.032	0.006
	60	0.22	0.014
20	61	0.293	0.04
	62	0.2	0.02

Proposed use in the treatments of disorders

A local injection of apamin, which acts at the same  $K^+$  channel and in the same way as the compounds of the present invention, reduces spontaneous and evoked electrical activity in the muscle of patients with myotonic muscular dystrophy [Behrens, M I., Jalil, P., Serani, A., Vergara, F. and Alvarez, O. (1994). Possible role of apamin-sensitive  $K^+$  channels on myotonic dystrophy. Muscle & nerve, 17: 1264 - 1270].

However, apamin's central neurotoxicity rules out its systemic use; the compounds of the present invention are likely to be more selective in their action in reducing the hyperexcitability associated with this condition.

The inventors have found that compounds of the present invention, by blocking  $SK_{Ca}$  channels, increase the amplitude of peristalsis in intestinal smooth muscle at unprecedently low concentrations for a low molecular weight synthetic compound. The  $EC_{50}$  values for Compound 24 and Compound 10 are 0.5 nM and 1 nM respectively, as tested on isolated rabbit jejunum. This shows that the compounds of the present invention may act as a novel prokinetic agent for the treatment of gastrointestinal dysmotilities.

The parenteral administration of very small doses of apamin has been shown to facilitate memory processes involved in task learning in mice [Messier, c., Mourre, C., Bontempi, B., Sif, J., Lazdunski, M. and Destrade, C. (1991). Effect of apamin, a toxin that inhibits  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -dependent  $\text{K}^+$  channels, on learning and memory processes. Brain Research, 551: 332 - 336; Belcadi-Abbassi, W. and Destrade, C. (1995). Post-test apamin injection suppresses a Kamin-like effect following a learning session in mice. Neuroreport. 6: 1293-1296]. The compounds of the present invention are likely to exert the same action as apamin in the treatment of disorders of memory, but with greater selectivity.

15 Narcolepsy and associated disorders are associated with the premature onset of rapid-eye-movement (REM) sleep. Intraventricularly-administered apamin produces a dose-dependent reduction in REM sleep expression in rats [Benington, J., Woudenberg, M.C. and Heller, H.C. (1995). Apamin, a selective SK channel blocker, suppresses REM sleep without a compensatory rebound. Brain Research, 692: 86 - 92]. The compounds of the present invention are likely to exert the same action as apamin, but with greater selectivity.

25 It has been suggested that dequalinium and other



lipophilic cationic compounds are likely to have anticarcinoma activity [Weiss et. al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA. 1987, 84, 5444-8. Gamboa-Vujicic et. al, J. Pharm. Sci. 1993, 82, 231. Helige et. al, Eur. J. Cancer, 1993, 29A, 124.] The compounds of the present invention are likely to exert similar action, but with greater selectivity.

The intracerebro-ventricular injection of apamin has been found to inhibit ethanol-induced narcosis in mice [Yamamoto, H.-A. and Harris, R. A. (1983). Calcium-dependent  $^{86}\text{Rb}$  efflux and ethanol intoxication: studies of human red blood cells and rodent brain synaptosomes. Eur. J. Pharmacol. 88: 357 - 363] providing behavioural evidence for the importance of  $\text{SK}_{\text{Ca}}$  channels in alcohol-induced coma and raising the possibility that  $\text{SK}_{\text{Ca}}$  blockers could be of value in its treatment. The compounds of the present invention are likely to exert the same action as apamin, but with greater selectivity.

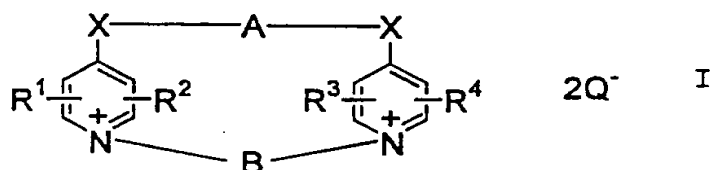
Dequalinium is commonly found as an antibacterial agent, particularly in throat lozenges and similar preparations. It is therefore expected that the compounds of the present invention would exhibit antibacterial properties and could be used in

medicaments, e.g. throat lozenges, swabs, as such.

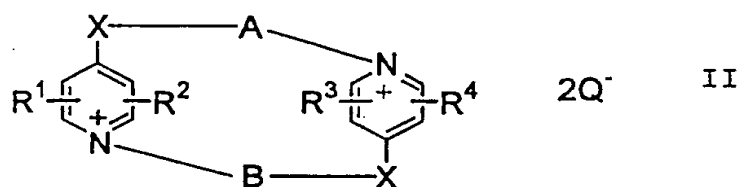
- It is thought that the compounds of the present invention will exhibit selectivity between different types of SK<sub>Ca</sub> channels. This may be due to some feature of the structure of the compounds of the present invention conferring the ability to discriminate between the different types of channel.
- It should be understood that embodiments of the present invention have been described above by way of example only and various alternative modifications from what has been specifically described and illustrated can be made within the scope of the invention, as will be readily apparent to persons skilled in the art.

CLAIMS

1. A compound having the general formula I or II:



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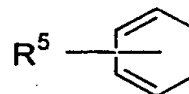
or any one of its conjugate bases

where:

each Q<sup>-</sup> is the conjugate base of a pharmaceutically acceptable inorganic or organic acid;

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R<sup>1</sup> is selected from H and



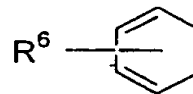
R<sup>5</sup> being selected from H, and substituents such as a halogen, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a haloalkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an amino group, an alkylamino group, a hydroxy group and an alkoxy group;

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R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently selected from H, and substituents such as a halogen, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a haloalkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an amino group, an alkylamino group, a hydroxy group and an alkoxy group;

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$R^4$  is selected from H and



$R^6$  being selected from H, and substituents such as a  
 5 halogen, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a  
 haloalkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an amino  
 group, an alkylamino group, a hydroxy group and an alkoxy  
 group;

10 where  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  may be present once or a  
 plural number of times on the respective rings;

each X is independently selected from NH,  $NR^7$ , O, S  
 and  $CH_2$ ,  $R^7$  being selected from alkyl, aryl, alkaryl and  
 aralkyl groups having 1 to 10 carbon atoms;

15 A and B which are the same or different, are each  
 selected from a spacing group with a chain length of 3 to  
 15 atoms;

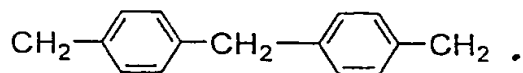
except that in general formula I when

20  $R^1$  and  $R^4$  are



$R^2$  and  $R^3$  are H, X is NH, and A is  $(CH_2)_{10}$ ,

25 B cannot be



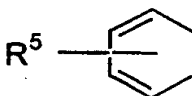
2. A compound according to claim 1 which has the  
 general formula I and in which

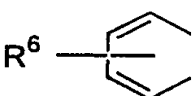
- (i) each  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  is independently selected  
 from H, a halogen, an alkyl group with 1 to 10

carbon atoms, an amino group, an alkylamino group, a hydroxy group and an alkoxy group, and  
(ii) each X is selected from NH, O, S and CH<sub>2</sub>.

5 3. A compound according to claim 1 or 2, wherein X is NH.

4. A compound according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein

10 R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are 

and 

15 respectively.

5. A compound according to claim 4, wherein R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are both H.

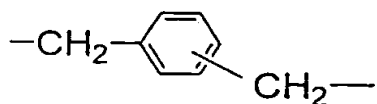
20 6. A compound according to claim 5, wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are both H.

7. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein A and B are independently selected from:

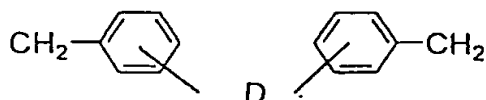
25 - (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>- where n=3-10;  
- (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-Z-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub> wherein Z is O or S and each m is 1 to 5;

a straight chain alkene or alkyne containing one or two C=C or C≡C bonds respectively and having 3 to 10

carbon atoms;



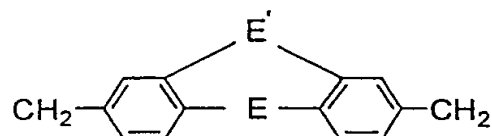
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where D is joined to the rings in the meta or para positions, and is selected from  $(CH_2)_k$  where  $k=0-2$ ,  $CH=CH$ ,  $C\equiv C$  and a heterocyclic ring;

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where E and E' are selected from  $(CH_2)_k$  where  $k=0-2$  and  $CH=CH$ ; and

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one or more of the aromatic rings in A and B may be substituted by one or more of the groups OH, alkoxy and halogen.

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8. A compound according to claim 7, wherein A and B are independently selected from :

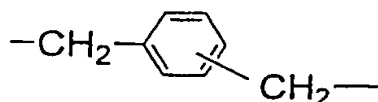
$-(CH_2)_n-$  where  $n=3-8$ ;

$-(CH_2)_m-Z-(CH_2)_m$  wherein Z is O or S and each m is 1 to 3;

a straight chain alkene or alkyne containing one or two  $C=C$  or  $C\equiv C$  bonds respectively and having 3 to 6

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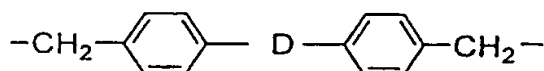
carbon atoms;



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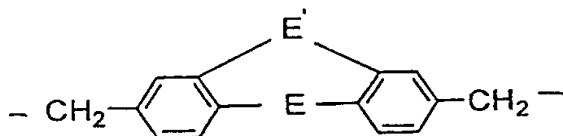
where the groups are meta or para to each other and where the ring is optionally substituted by one or more of the groups OH, methoxy and halogen;

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where D is selected from  $(\text{CH}_2)_k$  where  $k=0$  or  $1$ ,  $\text{CH}=\text{CH}$ , and a pyridine ring attached to the rings at the two sites ortho to the N atom; and

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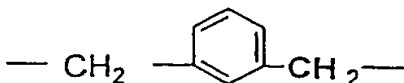
where E is  $\text{CH}_2$  and E' is a direct link between the rings.

9. A compound according to claim 8, wherein A is selected from  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ , where  $n=3-6$ ,

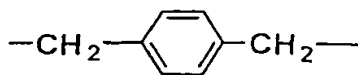
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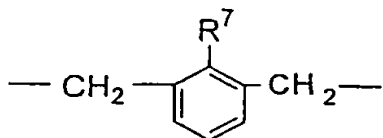
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and B is selected from  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$  where  $n=4-6$ ,



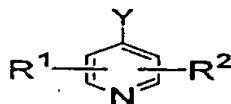
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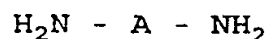
5 where  $\text{R}^7$  is selected from H, OH, OMe.

10. A method for producing a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 9 having the general formula I, by reacting a compound of the general formula:

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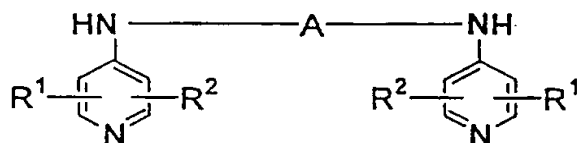


with a compound of the formula



to give

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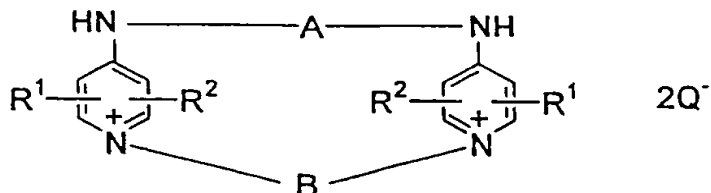


which is then further reacted with a compound of the formula



to give

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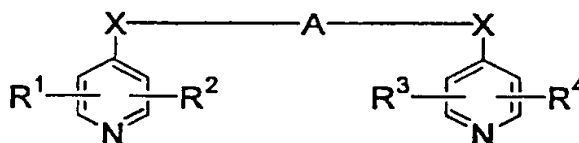


or any one of its conjugate bases,  
where



Y and Z are independently selected from a sulphonate, Cl, Br and I.

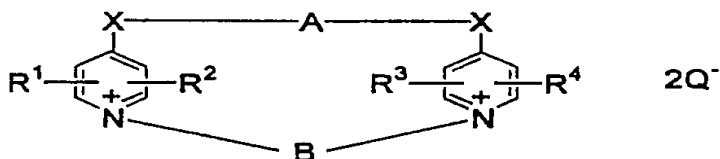
11. A method for producing a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 9 having the general formula I, by reacting a compound of the general formula



with a compound of the general formula

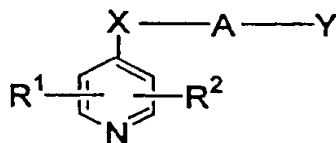


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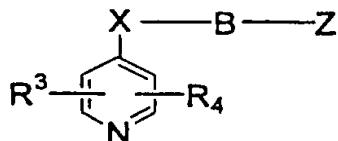


where Z is selected from Cl, Br and I.

12. A method of producing a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 9 having the general formula II, by reacting a compound of the general formula III

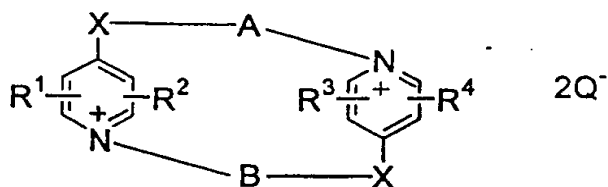


- with a compound of the general formula IV



to give

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where Y and Z are independently selected from Cl, Br and I.

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13. A method according to claim 12 wherein compounds III and IV are the same compound.

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14. The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 9 or Compound A in the treatment of myotonic muscular dystrophy, gastrointestinal dysmotility, a disorder of memory, narcolepsy or an associated disorder, a cancer, ethanol-induced neurotoxicity, or bacterial infection.

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15. The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 9 or Compound A in the preparation of a pharmaceutical for the treatment of myotonic muscular dystrophy, a gastrointestinal dysmotility, a disorder of memory, narcolepsy or an associated disorder, a cancer, or ethanol-induced neurotoxicity.

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16. The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 9 or Compound A in the preparation of an antibacterial agent.

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17. A pharmaceutical composition containing a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 9 or Compound A.

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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Remark : Although claim 14  
is directed to a method of treatment of the  
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